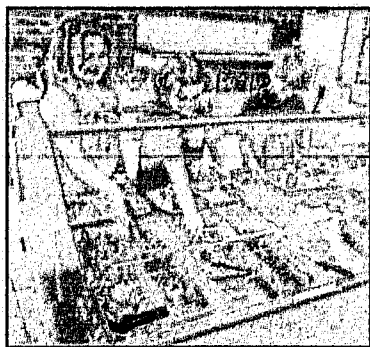
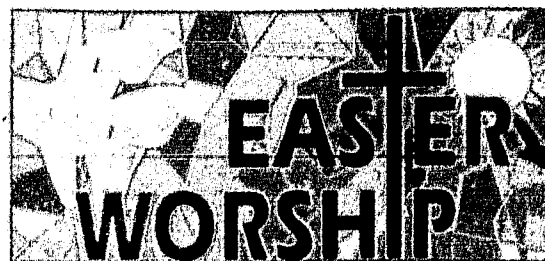




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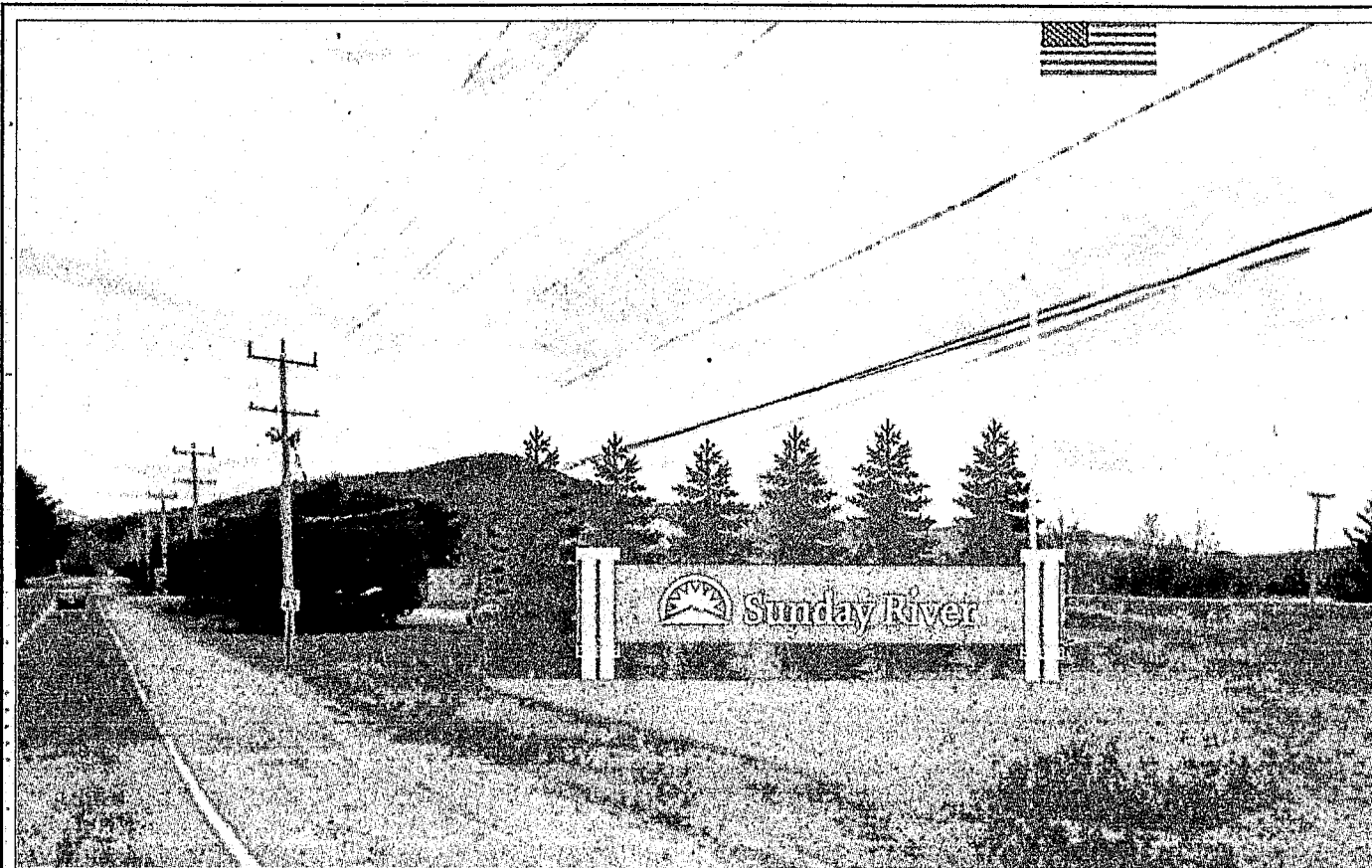
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SIGN PROPOSAL-Sunday River Resort is proposing this 50x8-foot sign near the intersection of Route 2 and the Sunday River Road. Overall it would stand 14 feet high. General Manager Dana Bullen said Sunday River would lease land from the Sunday River Brewing Co. and place the sign on a mound to make it more visible from Route 2. *Puelle Design*

Sunday River wants 50-foot wide sign next to Brew Pub

By ALISON ALOISIO

Sunday River Resort General Manager Dana Bullen presented a proposal to Bethel selectmen Monday to place a 50x8-foot 'gateway sign' on the Sunday River Road near the Sunday River Brewing Company.

The plan calls for a flag - either a Sunday River flag or an American flag - to fly above the bright-red sign. Bullen said he favored a 28-foot American flag that would sit atop a 60-foot pole. "To me the American flag adds an awful lot to it," he

said. "When you go to Fenway and you start out the ball game the same way every night, to me the sense of arrival with the flag is great."

Another option would be no flag at all, he said.

As for the sign itself, said Bullen, "The goal is to create something significant enough there so folks can see it and safely get slowed down and make the turn, instead of what we sometimes see now, which is going up and around and back. The

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Newry to consult lawyer on school funding issue

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday voted to consult the town attorney for advice on possibly pursuing a local school funding change with SAD 44.

Last month Jim Sysko and Selectman Brooks Morton met with SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy, who outlined three options for the town.

They were: Newry could seek a bill in the Legislature by talking to local representatives; the town could initiate a process in SAD 44 whereby each town would have a four-member committee to help negotiate an

agreement among the five towns, and the agreement would then go to a district-wide vote; Newry could withdraw from SAD 44.

Sysko favors exploring the possibility of altering the valuation-based formula to factor in a town's student population - a change that could potentially shift a significant portion of Newry's \$2.7 million share to the other towns in the district. Newry has only two dozen students.

The valuation-based formula was changed statewide in 2005 by the Legislature in order to also factor in a town's student

population. But a special exception was made for SAD 44. Some Newry residents have complained that happened without townspeople being asked their opinion on it.

Sysko told selectmen this week he believes the town should verify the three options independently and also ask an attorney if there might be others, such as a compromise with the other towns on the formula.

"This is a big deal," he said. "We're talking over the last nine years about \$18 million that was spent, and it maybe didn't have to be spent by the town of Newry."

Changing the formula could free up money for other town expenses, he said.

Brad Wight, who also attended the selectmen's meeting, brought up the question of what would happen if Newry ultimately left SAD 44 and tuitioned its students to area public or private schools.

He said there would have to be a limit on such tuition to prevent an influx of people moving to the town in order to get the tuition applied toward a private school.

"We'd have to educate

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Effort seeks \$15,000 for basketball

By ALISON ALOISIO

An effort is underway to raise \$15,000 by July 1 to install adjustable basketball hoops in the Telstar High School gym, in order to accommodate more kids of more ages who want to play the sport. Spearheading the effort is Bethel Rec Committee member Mike Pelletier, under whom the rec hoops program has expanded from 12 to 92 youngsters in the past five years.

The gym currently has six hoops, two of which are used for high school and middle school games. There are another four that allow two cross-court

games or practices to take place at the same time.

But, said Pelletier, coaches and players rarely use them. They are original to the school - 1968 - and are in poor condition. In fact, he said, balls bouncing off the backboards don't bounce true for banked-in shots or foul shots, leaving players at a disadvantage in preparing for games using the standard glass-backboards. The portions of the rims that hold the net in place are also bent, he said.

With basketball facilities high demand, having the ability to play

See \$15,000, Page 3

Greenwood mill has history of rising again from the ashes

By ALISON ALOISIO

A portion of the mill that sits in Locke's Mills Village is coming down. It's not the first time that has happened - just the first time it wasn't brought down by fire.

The roof on a section of the mill collapsed under heavy snow this winter, and that part of the structure has been under demolition since last week.

Many owners, many fires

Mills have stood on the site since 1819. In that time they have burned and been rebuilt four times, with the last, current structure erected in 1952. Over the course of nearly 200 years, the various structures changed hands a total of a dozen times. For all but a brief period just before the Civil War,

they all turned wood. Blaine Mills, president of the Greenwood Historical Society, worked at the mill himself for nearly 40 years. The GHS has a timeline and more than a dozen photos of mill history and fires.

Mills said the first mill, a wooden structure, was built in 1819 by Samuel B. Locke, after whom Locke's Mills is named. It burned in 1841, and was

rebuilt in 1842 by Locke's son, Samuel Jr. Other fires followed in 1879, 1891 and 1950.

All of the buildings were made of wood. "They ran on a kerosene lamp system," said Mills, and with all of the wood products, scraps and sawdust lying around in a wood building, he said, "It's a wonder they didn't burn more often."

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SAD 44 test results mixed

By AMY CHAPMAN

SAD 44 students in third through sixth grades scored at or above the state average for proficiency on the most recent New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests, Lee Graham, part-time cur-

riculum director for the district, told the school board at Monday's meeting.

In reading, 83 percent of district third graders and 82 percent of fourth graders tested as proficient, compared to 68 percent of third graders and 66 percent of fourth graders statewide.

Third and fourth graders in SAD 44 also outpaced state averages in math, with 78 percent of third graders and 64 percent of fourth graders considered proficient.

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MOTHER NATURE STRIKES AGAIN

After teasing us with a nice warm spring day Monday, Mother Nature followed up Tuesday with heavy rain - topped off with snow at the end - that sent the Androscoggin River over its banks in Bethel on Wednesday morning. Here, a truck plows through water by Davis Park at 7 a.m. At the same time an MDOT crew put up a sign saying the area of road was closed except to local traffic.

ATTENTION TOWN OF BETHEL TAX PAYERS

This notice is to remind you that the second half of your Fiscal Year 2014 tax bill is due and payable May 1, 2014. Interest will begin to accrue May 2, 2014. For the amount owed, please refer to the bill that you received in the fall of 2013. If you have lost or misplaced your bill you may call the office at 207-824-2669 or email at info@bethelmaine.org for an amount owed.

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Letters

HORSES ON THE ROAD

To the Editor:

A short while ago the Channel 6 evening news featured a story about horses and riders on public roads and the kinds of problems they typically have. That prompted this letter.

I ride and drive my horse on a very short stretch of the Hunts Corner Road in Albany, as do others who board horses at Deepwood Farm. Other area riders use that road as they begin to condition their endurance horses for competition.

My experiences with a variety of both drivers and vehicles can be categorized as follows: courteous and knowledgeable, courteous but not knowledgeable, ignorant and unaware and just plain rude. The road has a sign on each side of the "corner" showing a horse and rider in silhouette on a yellow background. That would be me probably. But few people seem to make the connection with sign, real-life rider and caution. Typically, drivers on the same side of the road try to be polite and "slow down" as they pass. But a vehicle's "slow" is not a horse's. Think School Zone and you're closer. Slowing from 55 or 60 to 40 mph is not slowing at all. Passing at 15 mph or so is. Drivers approaching from the opposite direction tend not to slow down at all. They may move a little closer to the shoulder on their side but that's about it. The good intention may be there, but from the horse and rider's point of view, there has been no perceptible lessening of speed. These drivers are the ones I consider not knowledgeable. I hope I am providing the information they need to improve their courtesy. A horse and rider or cart in fact has the right of way - I learned from the Channel 6 piece mentioned above. Riders will usually give hand signals to drivers either to help them or to alert them indicating that it's okay to pass or that slowing down would be great. The Hunt's Corner Road gets a lot more traffic these days and I sometimes feel that I'm taking my life in my hands riding or driving my horse on it. You know how it is with country roads - no one else uses them, so it's okay to go as fast as you want to, especially early in the morning.

A year or so ago something happened to me that underlines how important awareness and courtesy on the road are - and not only where horses and riders are concerned. I was driving my horse up the hill towards my turn onto Picnic Hill Road when I heard a vehicle behind me going very, very fast. It sounded large as well. I put out my hand and gave the "slow down" gesture. The driver - a young man in a big pickup truck - pulled out into the other lane, floored it and flipped me his own gesture as he went by. I have no idea what personal difficulties he was lashing out at, but he ran a serious risk. My horse was obviously startled as the truck roared by. Something bad might have happened. Horses are prey animals. The most laid back and traffic-savvy horse will shy or run if he thinks something is going to chase and eat him - like a backfire or jake brakes or flapping laundry or mailboxes left open. You never know what will startle them. So a driver not paying attention can cause totally unexpected accidents not only to horse and rider but to other drivers either behind or ahead.

So when any of us sees the "Share the Road" sign, I hope we're reminded to share with horses as well as with motorcycles and bicycles.

Lucia Owen
Stoneham

REMEMBERING SHIREEN VINCENT AND VIRGINIA HUTCHINS

To the Editor:

Two outstanding longtime volunteers at the Bethel Historical Society have died this month and will be vividly remembered for their dedication and long service to the organization. Shireen Vincent, a retired educator, had a special passion for quilting in her later years. A history major at the University of Maine, who continued with a graduate degree also in history, she served as a guide in the museum for many years and on the Board of Trustees as Secretary. It was always a pleasure to have Shireen with us as she was so passionate about history and her enthusiasm for it was contagious, particularly for those visitors lucky enough to have her conduct their tour. She and I had many good chats about history through the years. I have missed seeing her on a regular basis, but will always recall how much fun we had solving all kinds of historical riddles and mysteries.

Ginny Hutchins was a remarkable mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and wife, who handled every household task with aplomb. She could do almost anything in the cooking, sewing, preserving, knitting, etc. department. Active in a number of community endeavors, she was also a most enthusiastic volunteer for the Society, and one who actually liked working on mailings of all kinds. True to form, she always worked most efficiently and effectively in making certain Society members in many parts of the world received their publications. We will miss her assistance in future mailings, but she will long remain to many of us an inspiration for her exceptional spirit of volunteerism.

Stan Howe
Bethel

BETHEL FIRE DEPT. FUNDRAISER

To the Editor:

Again this year, Bethel Fire Dept. members are selling community calendars to raise funds for items not on the yearly budget. If you are interested in a calendar and have not been contacted, please call 824-2665 or 824-2627 and leave your name and number. A member will contact you. Also, there are limited ads available. Thank you for your support.

Jim Young, Mike Jodrey
Bethel Fire Dept.

SUPPORT FAIR FOR 'SMILE FUND'

To the Editor:

Healthy smiles are important to all people regardless of age, gender or economic standing. The Smile Fund, established 11 years ago by West Parish Congregational Church is dedicated to helping adults in the SAD 44 area who are in need of dentures. This dental work is expensive and the fund is for helping those for whom financial resources are not available. The desire is to improve the quality of someone's smile and with that their self-esteem, which can often lead to improved employment possibilities. Please contact the church at 824-2689 or e-mail westparishchurch@gmail.com for further information, or to submit an application for aid. All applications are confidential. To date the Smile Fund has helped 60 people.

On Saturday, May 3, there will be a fair at the church to raise funds for this project. Spring cleaning is a good time to go through and sort what might be useful to donate (please, no computers or clothes) as items to sell.

The fair will be in the church basement from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with something for everyone. Please stop by - you are sure to find a bargain and your purchase will help a wonderful project. Donations for the fair will be accepted on the Thursday and Friday before, after 1 p.m.

Lynn Mason
Bethel

TMS PTA GUEST SPEAKER

To the Editor:

The Telstar Middle School PTA is pleased to announce that Kathy Ruby, a college financial aid professional, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, May 6. Our regular meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the Telstar Middle and High School auditorium followed by Kathy Ruby speaking at 6 p.m. Kathy will be talking about how you can begin to prepare your children for postsecondary education, both academically and financially. She will also discuss support systems and financial resources that are available to Telstar parents to help their children achieve their educational goals.

Mrs. Ruby has 28 years of experience in the field of college admissions and financial aid advising. She is currently employed by College Coach, a company based in Watertown, Mass., that provides admissions and college finance advice (including how to save and pay for college, and how to repay educational loans) to families around the country.

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us on May 6. Babysitting services will be provided, upon request, and refreshments will be served. It is never too early or too late to start planning for your child's future. All are welcome. (This event is sponsored by a grant received by MELMAC Education Foundation.)

Also, the TMS PTA is selling Dunkin' Donuts Community Mugs for \$10 each. Mugs are available for sale at the Rector Cellar or you can e-mail me at margeryfinley@gmail.com.

Bring your mug to any DD stores in Maine (also Coos and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire) and receive a free Dunkin' Donuts hot/iced coffee each Sunday through Dec. 31, 2014. All of the proceeds will benefit the Telstar Middle School.

Margie Finley
Secretary for the Telstar Middle School PTA

BETHEL GREEN-UP DAY

To the Editor:

After a fun but long winter, we're all glad to see that spring is here. Birds are singing, grass will soon be greening - and trash is emerging from what once were snowbanks. Please join the Bethel Conservation Commission for some spring cleaning on our second annual Bethel Green-Up Day, Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are invited to meet at Davis Park to grab trash bags and spread out to assigned areas in Davis Park, the Bethel Pathway, around Bethel Station, and surrounding roadways. The more who come, the more territory we can cover! After bringing the trash back to Davis Park for volunteers to take to the transfer station, you will be rewarded with homemade cookies. We'll recycle what we can and donate any bottles and cans to local student groups.

Please wear sturdy shoes and work gloves are recommended. RSVPs are appreciated, especially if you have a pickup truck and are willing to make a trip to the transfer station. Please call or text me at (207) 824-2282 or e-mail info@bethelmaine.com.

If you can't make it to this event, we encourage you to make your own corner of the earth a little cleaner and help keep this area beautiful. Happy spring to all!

Jessie Perkins
Bethel Conservation Commission

Celladore

'Was It All Worth It?'

The books on mushrooms came, we studied them carefully and long. That very fall we ate steinpilzes, at first with trepidation and then with zest. We are not yet mycologists but are ardent mycophagists. Each year we add new books to our library, add more varieties to our safe-to-eat-for-sure lists, eat them every day from late August until November. No longer when we try a new kind do we think of it at least twenty times during the evening. No longer do we say in the morning, "Here we are alive and not dead or ill." There is zest in the search, there is beauty never noticed before all through the woods and fields. We rattle off the Latin names with ease, we dry mushrooms for winter use. Not yet have we had a chance to consult a live mycologist but not once have we ever been slightly ill. We seldom think of it but when we do we are grateful for our old-fashioned education that taught us to read carefully, check every detail, then have faith in our own judgment. We often laugh about our confusion on that afternoon that started us on this happy activity.

We laugh, but I do more than that. I cherish it as one of the memories to store away to warm aged bones and spirits when I become a doddering old lady in a rocking chair. It is one of many experiences that change one's outlook on life, that lift one from the depths or even just from the round of ordinary daily duties to a higher pitch of awareness, of the zest of being and sharing.

To be sure we do not launch ships, nor cut ribbons, nor meet kings and queens, nor fly to the moon. We do not have any of what many people consider big moments in our life. What we do have is many of what the French call "le petit bonheur," and we have time to savor and appreciate them.

The weather can beguile by its unpredictability and add a fillip to the day. One July the humidity was in the nineties. I sat gasping on the porch, sipping lemonade. This unusual heat was bearable because I thought of day after day in the canyons of Manhattan. This evening there was a wedding to attend. I went and found a green dotted Swiss dress and changed the hemline to the current mode. As I sewed, it got cooler and cooler. I had to go into the house for a sweater. In half an hour the mercury dropped twenty degrees to seventy. By wedding time it was down to fifty and I went off in a thin wool dress. Next day came a cold rain. B.B. decided to haul away brush: a cherry tree blown over in a thunderstorm, oak limbs with their rotting leaves souring the pasture soil. Exactly twenty-four hours from the high nineties, he came into the house soaked and shivering and I welcomed him with a furnace fire.

Some Septembers we sit by a blazing fireplace each evening. With the full of the moon it is supposed to get even colder. One year the reverse happened, it was as balmy as summer. Guests came to sit and visit on the porch for the last time this year. They left, B.B. went in to read the paper. I decided to walk down to the edge of the field, am enchanted with moonlight making wavy stripes across the path, the hazy shapes of half leafless trees.

Another fall it is warm every day until one morning we awaken with cold feet, shivering under summer blankets. Four inches of snow fell in the night. The white covered ground sets off the frosted scarlet and yellow maple leaves, the bronze oaks. We drop the day's plans, go for a long ride in this wonderland, by noon the snow was melted away.

Usually after a winter sleetstorm the sun comes out and sparkles the world in gaiety. Once it did not. Long half-circles hung around the porch: gray icy cobwebs covered everything; mists swirled about, one felt lost in the ghoulish woodlands of wier. One ray of sun came through for a moment, fell upon a string of small icicles hanging on the dead woodbine. It looked like Marie Antoinette's controversial necklace.

Some say, "There's been quite a change in the weather..." "You never know how to plan..." To me it is nature waving the same magic wand that sends the rainbow, helping me escape the narrow confines of the personal ego to reach out to a wider world of awareness.

CLARIFICATION

STATEMENT AT GILEAD MEETING OUT SHORT- An article in last week's Citizen about the road commissioner issue should have said that Joe Boudreau began to read a statement at the March 29 Town Meeting but was then gavelled down by Moderator Paul Handlen. Handlen said the statement was not germane to the article under consideration.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A tractor fire at Carter's farm destroyed the tractor, but Bethel firefighters were able to keep it from spreading to other equipment in the storage building.

Births: Brandon Lee Neemann, Julia Raye Head, Joseph Scott Beaudet, Maya Joselyn Brooke Taylor, Samuel Willis Brooke.

Deaths: Constance Gagnon, Patricia Marston, Ruth White Wright.

20 years ago: Although much of the administration of the Evans Notch District of the White Mountain National Forest was slated to move to Gorham, N.H., there were no plans to close the Bethel USFS office.

The Telstar Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team, which placed first in its division in the state meet, was raising money to attend the OM World Finals in Iowa.

Births: Jared Snyder Rice, Randy Travis Adam Morin.

Deaths: Carla A. Bailey, Daniel E. McGurn, Michael G. Garey, Delmont E. Richards.

30 years ago: An open house was held at the Bethel United Methodist Church to welcome Dr. Judy Shedd and her husband, Sean, to the community.

Deaths: William H. McDougall, Charles M. Andrews, Mrs. John P. Howe, Hugh Mason Clark.

40 years ago: Sharon Daye, Eric Gunther, Scott Gunther, Richard Lamontagne, Richard Littlefield, Frank Lowell, Rusty Marshall and Eddie Swain completed a snowmobile safety course.

The public was invited to attend the senior recital of Miss Linda Hathaway at Corthell Hall, University of Maine, Gorham.

Birth: Laura Stone McCroden.

Deaths: George P. Stowell, Sr., Mrs. Laura M. Bartlett.

50 years ago: Members of the 8th grade of Crescent Park School enjoyed a class trip to Augusta. They toured the Kennebec-Journal plant, State House, State Office Building and Blaine Mansion.

Serving as usherettes for the 7th annual Rumford Community Hospital Charity Ball were Gertrude Waldron, Sally Kinne, Nancy Fox, Paula Frankevitz, Ethel Kimball, Marcia Meisner, Claudia Couture and Elizabeth Hutchins.

Births: Maria Accleton Aright, Roderick Rudolph Royer, Nancy Ann Waterhouse.

Death: Elmer H. Bean

60 years ago: Myron Bryant, Frank Lowell and Ernest Blake spent the week fishing on the Miramichi River.

Births: Angela Beth Littlehale, Edward Arthur Currier, Sherry Ann Hughes, Kerry Don Cameron, Cynthia Rose Tiff.

Deaths: Mrs. Ethel E. Cross, Leslie Hart, Mrs. Ella Farwell Russell, Mrs. Lulu Merrill, George L. Glover, Mrs. George H. French.

70 years ago: John Zale, Rumford cattle dealer, was instantly killed when the truck in which he was riding overturned on the Rumford Center road.

War prisoners from the Percy camp were cutting wood for the Brown Company.

Deaths: Miss Myrtle Alice Bacon, Carl P. Dunham.

80 years ago: A large delegation of local people enjoyed a banquet and dance at Maple Inn (Hotel Sudbury).

Bryant Pond ball field was graded and re-surfaced. The work was done under the ERA.

Deaths: Mrs. Dennis Kilgore, Mrs. Sarah Starbird.

90 years ago: The Chapman cottage was moved from the site of the proposed Girls Dormitory (Gould Academy) to a foundation on the gymnasium lot across Church Street.

Traveling was extremely bad owing to two heavy snowstorms.

The Dixfield American Legion and Dixfield band presented Sinbad the Sailor in Odeon Hall.

100 years ago: G.L. Thurston purchased Hastings Bros. hardware store.

Deaths: Mrs. Ethel Cummings, Mrs. L.T. Barker, Edwin B. Stearns.

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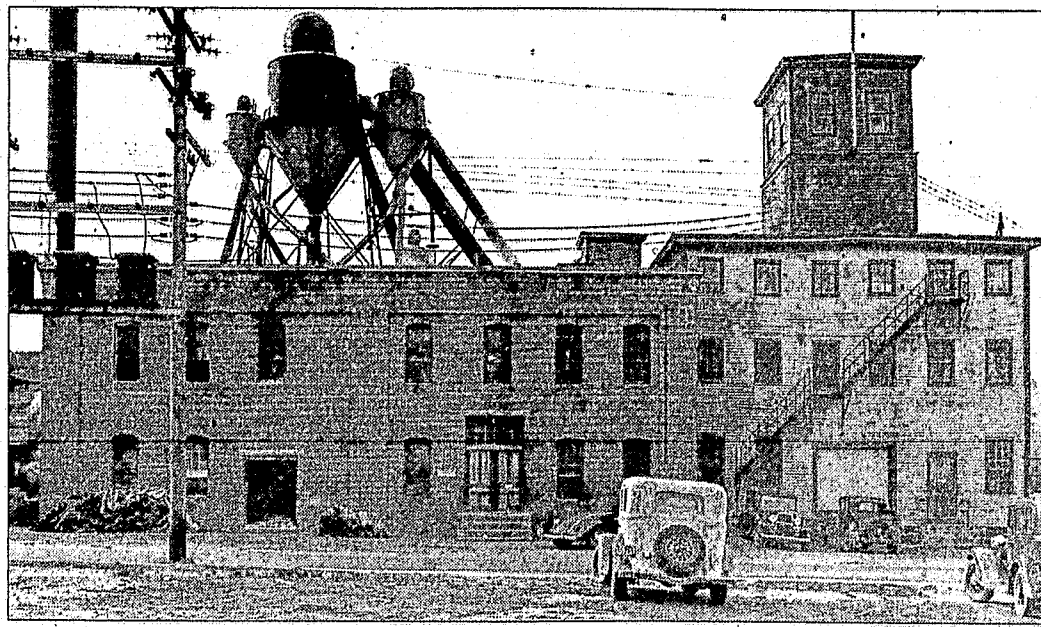
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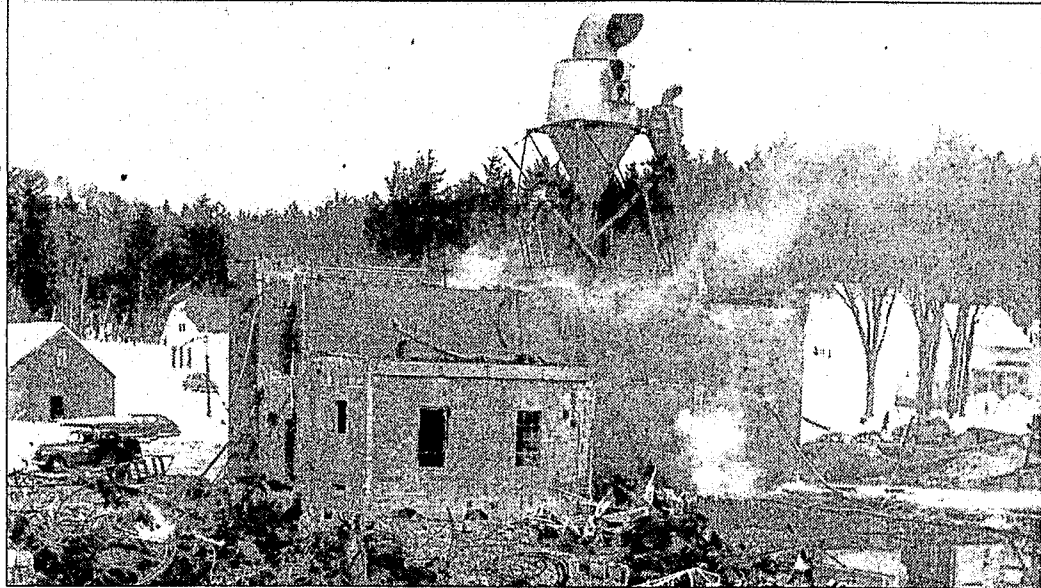
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The Ekco/Tebbets Spool Co. in 1949.

Courtesy Greenwood Historical Society



The Tebbets mill after it burned down in 1950, as seen from behind the mill. It was rebuilt over the next two years. The former Greenwood Town Office building is visible in the background left.

Courtesy Greenwood Historical Society

Through the decades the mill turned out bed posts, spools, toys, rolling pins, kitchen and tool handles and much more, said Mills.

The one departure from wood turning happened just before the Civil War, when the business served as a woolen mill for a brief time.

The 1950 fire happened under the ownership of Ekco, short for Edward Katsinger Co., Mills said. The mill was rebuilt over the next two years as a concrete structure. When completed, there was a mill section to the left as viewed from Route 26, and a warehouse to the right. Between them was a loading dock.

In 1972, under the ownership of American Home Products, the two sections were joined when walls and a roof were built over the dock.

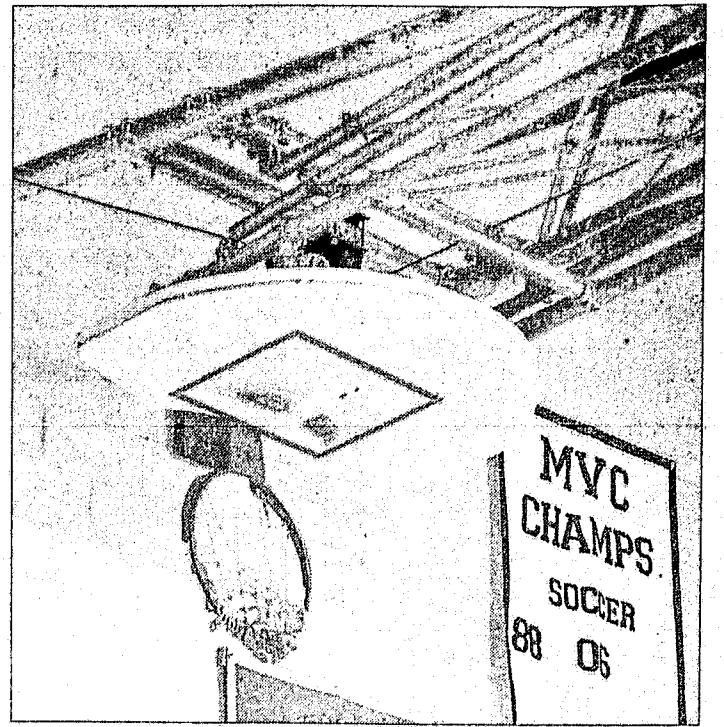
It was that section, said Mills, that collapsed under the weight of snow this winter.

The most recent owners of the business have been Duane Gilbert, Saunders Brothers, and Louise Jonaitis.

Greenwood Code Enforcement Officer said Wednesday that other demolition plans call for taking down one part of the mill section, the smokestack and a sawdust ductwork system.

\$15,000

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One of the four largely unused basketball hoops in the Telstar High School gym.

A. Aloisio

two games or practices at once in the gym would be advantageous, Pelletier said. "It would improve the skill level," he said.

So Pelletier and SAD 44 are teaming up to find funds for replacements - replacements Pelletier wants to be adjustable in height for smaller kids. In addition, he said, the plan is to replace padding on the concrete walls under the primary baskets at either end of the court. The total price tag is \$15,000.

"Our goal is to raise it by July 1," said Pelletier, in order to have the equipment in place for Telstar's summer basketball programs in July, as well as a new elementary-level program Pelletier hopes to start in August.

The effort got a big boost from John Amann's 22 Broad Street restaurant in Bethel, Pelletier said.

For the past few years, the restaurant has been collecting .22 cents from each entree sold to go into a fund to benefit school projects. When SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy approached Amann about this one, he got a kickoff

donation of \$2,222.22, Pelletier said.

But the restaurant isn't stopping there.

On nine days in May and June, said Pelletier, it will open the restaurant, by reservation, to support the project by donating the food and 100 percent of proceeds and gratuities. The menu will feature the restaurant's most popular dishes. Volunteers will do the prep work and serving.

The dates will be May 27, 28, and 29, June 3, 4, and 5, and June 11, 18, and 25.

Pelletier said that in the rec basketball season just concluded, Bethel elementary school teams placed first and second in the Grades 2/3 and 4/5 divisions, respectively.

He said that currently eight Telstar teams share the gym, and those teams this past season had a combined record of 20-99. Improving the equipment and court availability, he hopes, will help them score better results in the future.

To contribute to the effort or volunteer at the restaurant, contact Pelletier at 207-416-6400 or e-mail 13ngup@gmail.com.

NEWRY

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whoever lived in town. That's the rule. So if we did have an influx we'd hand out some checks," said Selectboard Chair Wendy Hanscom.

The town will hold an informational public meeting May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall on the funding issue. They said they plan to get information by then from the attorney to share.

BID PROCESS QUESTIONED

In other business Tuesday, Morton called into question the process for awarding a bid for engineering work on the outer Sunday River Road.

On March 18 the board had voted unanimously to hire JAGJA Inc. of Albany, owned by engineer Joe Aloisio, for \$30,000.

Six other bids were received: CES Inc. (\$30,000); HEB (\$30,000); Pine Tree (\$33,700); Gartley/Dorsky (\$38,975); Main-Land (\$68,300); and Down-to-Earth (\$278,289 - design and build).

Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney had verbally presented selectmen a ranking of all the bidders according to several criteria, including cost, staff qualifications, experience in similar projects, familiarity with the project and references. He said familiarity with the project and cost had given JAGJA a slight edge.

But immediately after the vote was taken, Bonney added, "Another reason I might have given JAGJA a higher ranking was - probably a little biased - but I figured work-

ing for the outfit that owns the land that we're dealing with, we might have a little better dealings with them."

Aloisio also works for Sunday River Resort, which owns property along that section of the road.

After Bonney made his statement, Morton said, "Now you tell us." There was laughter and discussion ended there. The board signed a contract at its next meeting.

At this week's meeting Morton, citing the "bias" comment, requested what he termed a written "finding of fact" on how the bid was determined according to the rating system.

"We didn't have a category that said we knew the person," he said.

Morton said the board needed to measure everyone the same.

Bonney reiterated that the familiarity with the project had been the difference, but acknowledged his comment about the connection to Sunday River. He added that he alone was not responsible for the recommendation, that selectmen had also been involved in reviewing the information.

Morton then said to let the issue go, and the board moved on.

(Note: The writer is married to engineer Joe Aloisio.)

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Men charged with dealing heroin from Bethel and Rumford

By Peter McGuire/
Sun Media Wire

Three men accused of distributing an estimated 500 doses of heroin each month were arrested after raids by Maine Drug Enforcement agents and local police on homes in Rumford and Bethel this week.

According to a statement released Tuesday by MDEA Commander Scott Pelletier, agents took William Heller, 61, of Rumford, Jason Howe, 26, of Bethel, and David Cherkis, 45, of Greenwood into custody on felony drug trafficking charges.

The trio is accused of being part of a network that was distributing an estimated 500 doses of heroin in each month to customers in the River Valley and greater Bethel, Pelletier said.

"This ongoing, multi-agency investigation and arrests will likely have a significant impact on the availability of heroin throughout the Rumford-Bethel area," Pelletier wrote in the release.

Heller and Howe were arrested Monday afternoon when MDEA agents executed search warrants at their homes.

Agents seized more than 300 doses of heroin, money from drug sales, and other drug trafficking materials from Heller's home and another 40 bags of heroin, scales, money and packaging from Howe's home.

Cherkis was arrested at his Greenwood home Tuesday by MDEA agents, Rumford Police and state Department of Probation and Parole officers. At the time, he was on probation for convictions of assaulting a police officer and drug trafficking, according to Pelletier's release.

Heller faces one charge of aggravated trafficking of heroin and Howe faces a single charge of trafficking in scheduled drugs. Cherkis faces an aggravated trafficking charge, as well

as criminal conspiracy and violation of probation charges.

If convicted, Heller and Cherkis could face a mandatory four-year prison sentence.

MDEA, the Oxford County Sheriff's Office and Rumford police began the investigation in October 2013 and used months of surveillance and undercover drug purchases to gather the evidence necessary to break up the network, Pelletier said.

Additional charges and more arrests are expected when the case is presented to an Oxford County grand jury later this month, he said.

Howe was released from Oxford County Jail on a \$2,500 cash bail Monday afternoon, but Heller and Cherkis remain behind bars. Heller has a \$50,000 cash bail and Cherkis is on a probation hold. They were expected to appear in South Paris District Court on Wednesday afternoon.

Briefly

Dog rescued from Mt. Christopher

WOODSTOCK—On Sunday afternoon the Maine Warden Service requested that Maheosuc Mountain Rescue respond to a dog stranded on the steep ledges of Mt. Christopher above Lake Christopher, according to MMR member Bob Baribeau. Wardens Josh Smith, Norm Lewis and Baribeau used rope rigging techniques to descend to the dog. The animal was lifted to a safe area and, said Baribeau, "Simba" was extremely happy to be on flat ground."

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compared to state averages of 59 percent for third grade and 63 percent for fourth grade.

Fifth and sixth graders also did well on the tests when compared to state averages, with proficiency rates of 71 percent for reading in both grades, at or above the statewide proficiency rate for reading of 71 percent in fifth grade and 70 percent in sixth.

The rate of proficiency in math for district fifth graders, 58 percent, was below the state average of 63 percent, but 65 percent of SAD 44 sixth graders demonstrated proficiency in math, compared to 61 percent statewide.

District fifth graders also bested state averages on a separate science test, with 86 percent testing as proficient, compared to only 65 percent of students across Maine. However, the writing assessment given to fifth graders showed proficiency among only 37 percent of district students, while the statewide rate was 50 percent.

The proficiency results for district seventh, eighth, and eleventh graders were lower than state averages in most areas of the test.

Local seventh and eighth graders scored proficiency rates of 57 and 58 percent, respectively, in reading, and 55 and 56 percent in math, compared to reading proficiency rates of 69 and 72 percent, and math profi-

ciency rates of 59 and 46 percent for all Maine seventh and eighth graders.

Seventy percent of eighth graders in district schools tested as proficient in science, close to the state average of 71 percent, but their writing proficiency, at 36 percent, was lower than the statewide 47 percent.

Proficiency rates among Telstar juniors taking the Maine High School Assessment/SAT were 42 percent for reading, 34 percent for math, and 30 percent for writing, lower than the state averages of 49, 48, and 44 percent, respectively.

On a separate science assessment, Telstar eleventh graders performed slightly better than the state average, with 43 percent demonstrating proficiency vs. 41 percent statewide.

Because the NECAP test was given to elementary and middle school students in the fall, Graham said it actually measures the prior year's learning. "Our third grade students, when they take the NECAP, are really being assessed on their second grade instruction and curriculum," she said.

"So we have no real state assessment, at this point, for the end of eighth grade, the end of ninth grade, or the end of tenth grade, but we do give the Maine High School Assessment, which is primarily the SAT, for reading, math, and writing in eleventh grade [in the spring]. In all of the

tests, science is separate and is done in the spring for all levels."

Although only the percentage of students scoring at each proficiency level, rather than individual test scores, are released to the public, Graham said individual scores allow educators to identify students who need extra help in order to be successful.

"This is where we need to work," she said, indicating the lowest category of test scores, denoted as "substantially below proficient."

"These are kids who may not have all of the support [they need]. These are kids who may struggle a little, who may need a more customized learning plan, so this is certainly an area where I always want to dig a little deeper, those kids who are significantly below proficient."

The NECAP replaced the MEA (Maine Educational Assessment) at the elementary school level in the 2009-2010 school year, and was given for the final time in the fall of 2013.

"After this year," Graham said, "this all goes away." Maine schools will no longer be using the NECAP or the SAT as standardized testing after the current school year. Instead, they will implement the new Smarter Balanced Assessment, a computer-based standardized test, which will be given first in the spring of 2015.

Local break-ins investigated

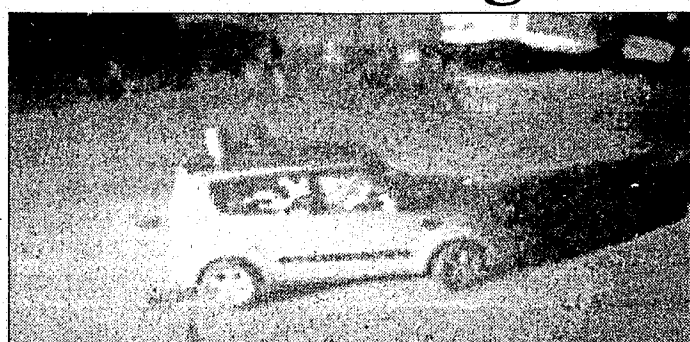
By Doug McIntyre/
Sun Media Wire

Maine State Police are seeking information regarding an early morning break-in at the Buckfield Mall on Sunday. The Oxford County Sheriff's Department is investigating other break-ins in Bethel that might be connected.

According to Trooper Tyler Stevenson, at about 4:15 a.m., the suspect was seen in what appeared to be a silver KIA Soul at the Buckfield Mall convenience store.

Stevenson said the suspect, described as a white male, about 5 feet 10 inches tall with a stocky build, was wearing what appeared to be a hooded jacket and carrying a backpack.

Approximately two hours before the break-in, a similar vehicle was involved in the break-in at a Big Apple convince store in Bethel, Stevenson said. That break-in is being investigated by the Oxford County Sheriff's Office.



Maine State Police are seeking information about this vehicle, presumed to be a silver KIA Soul, in connection with a Sunday burglary at the Buckfield Mall convenience store in Buckfield. A similar vehicle was believed to be involved in a burglary at the Big Apple Store in Bethel. Submitted photo

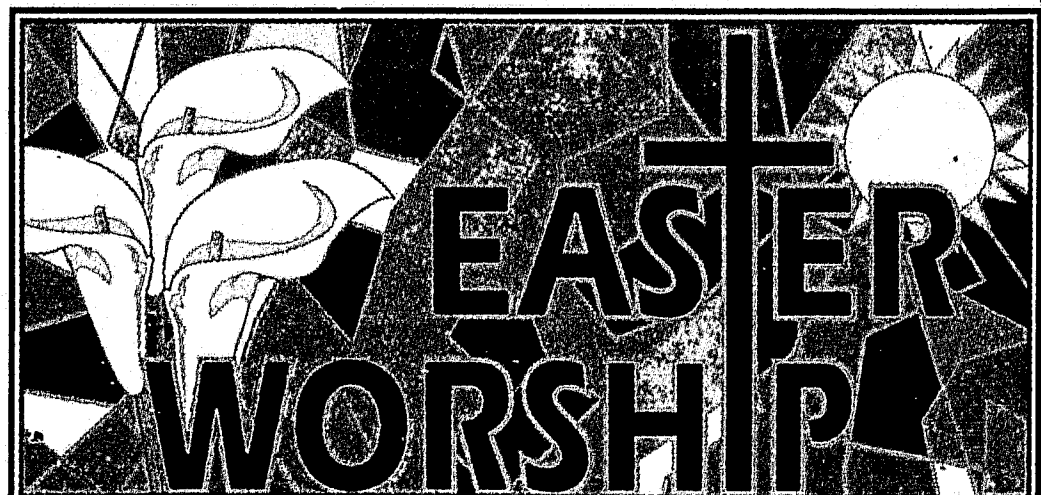
According to Deputy William Nelson of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, both Bob and Terry's Ski and Sports Outlet and the Big Apple were both broken into.

Nelson said specific items were stolen in each case — liquor and cigarettes at the Big Apple and clothing, goggles, sunglasses and the cash register from Bob and Terry's.

The cash register was later found without its contents in Buckfield. "I think it landed in some guy's front yard," Nelson said.

Nelson said they already have some good leads and solid evidence.

Stevenson is asking anyone with information to contact him at the Troop B Barracks at 657-3030. The Oxford County Sheriff's Department can be reached at 743-9554.



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April 18th - 7pm

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20th 5:45 am

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SUNDAY, APRIL 20th - 9:30 AM at

St. Athanasius and St. John's Church

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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



I'm sure that some of you have heard of the Stella Awards, but for the benefit of those who have not I'll explain. Several years ago a woman with the first name of Stella had gone through a McDonald's drive-thru and purchased a cup of coffee. If you have ever bought coffee from McDonald's I'm sure you know that it is usually very hot. And so it was when Stella purchased it. Most of us might think twice before we place a cup of very hot coffee between our legs as we operate a moving vehicle, but Stella apparently did not.

To make a long story short Stella got severely burned by the coffee and then sued McDonald's for not warning her that the coffee was so hot that it could burn. She won a very large amount of money for her efforts.

Not to make light of the pain and suffering that the burns caused Stella, because I'm sure there was a lot of pain and suffering, but it was felt by many that this was a frivolous law suit because she should have realized that if one puts a cup of very hot coffee between their legs in a moving vehicle there is a great possibility that the cover could pop off and cause burning. Personally, I would be very reluctant to put a cup of hot coffee between my legs even if I wasn't in a moving vehicle.

Anyway, that lawsuit gave birth to the Stella Awards to be awarded to the most frivolous law suits. I have even written about some very ridiculous law suits that I foolishly believed were authentic Stella Award win-

ners, but turned out to be bogus, of which there are many such items out there in cyberspace. Though the ones I wrote about were quite funny, such as the man who bought a brand new 35-foot camper and had a bad accident when he put it in cruise control and went in the back of the camper to watch television. The bogus law suit had this man win-

Stella Awards to be awarded to the most frivolous law suits

ning a very large settlement from the camper manufacturer for failing to state in the instruction manual that one must continue to steer the camper even when cruise control is engaged. Funny story, but it was not true.

But, there are Stella Award winners that are very true frivolous law suits and though the awards have not been given out for a few years, I did look into some from past years and thought I would share some of them with you such as the 2006 case of a woman who had been shopping at a mall and when she stepped outside she claimed that she was attacked by a squirrel that must have lived in a tree on mall property.

While this woman was trying to get this peaky squirrel off of her leg she fell and suffered some injuries. The mall was sued for more than \$50,000 because, her

lawyer said, the mall failed to post signs warning that there were squirrels outside.

I'm not so sure I consider that a frivolous law suit. If I was attacked by any form of wild life on mall property and was injured as a result of the attack I would expect the mall to take some responsibility.

I have no doubts in the frivolity however in the suit a man attempted to bring against Michael Jordan, the famous basketball star. This man filed a defamation and permanent injury suit to the tune of \$52 million and sought another \$364 million in punitive damages for emotional pain and suffering. Plus he filed suit against Nike, Jordan's sponsor for another \$364 million. The man's claim was that even though he is three inches shorter, 25 pounds lighter and 8 years older than Jordan he looks so much like him that he is often mistaken for the star. Apparently Nike employed better lawyers than the Jordan look-alike because when they explained that Nike would counter-sue, all suits were promptly dropped.

I apologize for any misrepresentation to any fans for the Stella Award column that I wrote many, many years ago. I truly believed that what I was writing about was based on true cases and meant only to provide some humor. Hopefully the humor was provided in spite of the bogus cases and I make this apology in a public forum because the way I see it I sure don't want anyone to sue me based on false information I wrote about.

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Wednesday, April 9

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Sunday, April 13

At 4:53 p.m. on Mason Street in Bethel Deputy Mike Halacy issued a summons for harassment after a person had contact with a person he had been warned not to.

By **AMY CHAPMAN**

LaPointe said there are only a few districts in the state that share a food service director, "but this is a relationship that has worked very well. We order the same food for both districts and run the same menu, pretty much. It's a solid relationship that works well for both."

Under the new rules, a food item's first ingredient must be a whole grain, fruit, vegetable, dairy product, or protein food. Entrees must be under 350 calories, and snacks under 200 calories.

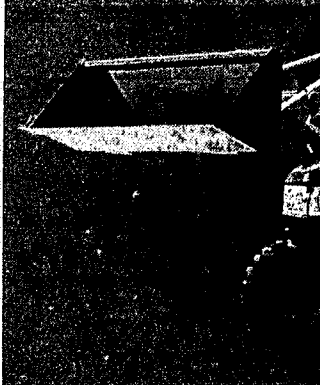
Woodstock director Marcel Polak asked how local foods are incorporated into the district's nutrition program. "It's not only important for the kids to be eating local foods," he said, "but it also provides an econom-

Local food purchases can be more of a challenge, since they are not delivered through the school's food service, and require establishing and maintaining relationships with smaller vendors, but LaPointe said she is committed to expanding the amount of locally produced food served in the schools.

"There has been a lot of work in the last two or three years," she said. "There is a lot of change happening in the school lunch program, but it's exciting change, and it's the direction that a program that's feeding children should be going."

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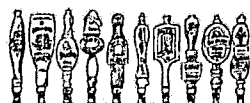
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other part is in the summer, with the mountain and where it is and the way it sits, it really isn't visible at all. So not only does Sunday River have a challenge in people knowing where we are, but all the businesses that lead up to Sunday River, I would hope, would benefit from folks knowing there is something beyond."

Bullen said the plan had come out of "the process of doing the signage in Bethel and the folks you hired to logically lay out the signage. One of the things they suggested was a gateway sign for the intersection [near the Brew Pub]."

He said he wanted to ask selectmen if they wished to suggest adjustments to the plan before bringing it to the Maine Department of Transportation. The Sunday River Road is a state-aid road.

Doar asked the board Monday if they favored developing standards for gateway signs "in conjunction with Sunday River's path through DOT, or are those separate processes? I think there are so few gateways that there's an opportunity to do something not quite cookie cutter in each of those locations."

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She said what the committee was talking about were gateways at the town borders, but placement there was impractical in some cases. She used the example of the Ne-

does not have any standards for how long or how high such signs should be.

"I think we should take whatever time it might take, a few weeks, a couple months, to form some kind of idea that perhaps gets vetted a little out in the public as to what size, shape, and how something like this should look," he said. "There's nothing worse in screwing a process up than for us to all of a sudden decide how things should be. We would certainly hear about that."

Bethel currently has five gateway signs on the outskirts of town, put there by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. The sign ordinance committee that created the updated ordinance did not recommend a new design concept for them, but suggested the town work with the Chamber to update them at some point.

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wry/Bethel border on Route 2. "There is a kind of no man's land," she said, from a business standpoint. For that reason, the current Bethel gateway sign on Route 2 is placed closer to the village.

Zinchuk went on to say that in the future, "We could move them back. But that still is very different than a sign for Sunday River that says 'you've arrived,' that's a sense of arrival. That's what you're asking for, right, Dana?"

"No," replied Bullen. "I think it's a gateway sign. It was defined by the gentleman who was hired by the town [Landworks] as a gateway sign as well."

At that point Howe asked they not get into different terminology for the signs. He ended the discussion, with Zinchuk saying that she was not disagreeing with Bullen.

After the meeting Zinchuk said she had been speaking only for herself, not the Chamber, and added: "I think it would be a terrific addition to the existing signage to have a large Sunday River sign at the end of the Sunday River Road - something that perhaps should have happened many years ago providing a 'sense of arrival.'"

"Where the confusion from the public may likely occur is the terminology 'gateway sign.' The five Welcome to Bethel signs - that have been in their current locations for 10-15 years - have been considered and referred to as 'gateway signs.' The sign ordinance review committee wrestled with this, making substantive rules around this category of signage."

"I am certain, when the appointed time comes, the Chamber board would support Sunday River's efforts to place a beautiful and brand identifiable sign where it has been requested."

OTHER BUSINESS
In other business at Mon-

day's board meeting, selectmen awarded the contract for infrastructure upgrades on Vernon Street to Cross Excavation for a bid of \$1,073,285. The work includes new utilities and road improvements, to be paid from through funding from the town, sewer department, water district and federal Rural Development grants/loans. The work will take place this construction season.

Other actions included approving a request from the Chamber of Commerce to again close Main Street for Mollykett Day;

Designating Bethel as a potential training site for the National Able Network's Senior Employment Program, with an intent to possibly use the temporary funding toward a town rec director and administrative help; adopting a resolution to FEMA for a change in its Ice Storm Policy, which could make towns like Bethel eligible for disaster aid in the future.

Doar also told the board the state Department of Labor had made a surprise visit to Bethel recently and some departments were in violation of training and medical records requirements. He said a fine of \$2,800 would be imposed, but might be reduced through participation in the Dept. of Labor's Safety Works program, in order to bring the town into compliance.

Candidates for office
Town Clerk Christen Mason reported that for the upcoming election of town officials, the following people have taken out nomination papers: for selectmen, Pat Carter and Lloyd Sweetser (incumbents), Gabe Perkins and Aaron Crockett; for school director, Roberta Taylor (incumbent); for assessor, Don Bennett. There are two openings on each board. Only Taylor has returned papers so far, which are due April 28.



THE BELLS OF WEST PARISH-In a 30+ year tradition, bells will ring out at Sunday's Easter Service at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The bell choir was established in 1985 under the late Mary Valentine. Since then people of all ages have played in both adult and youth choirs. Last week the current choir, under the direction of Patricia Boyle-Wight, practiced a medley of Easter hymns in preparation for Sunday. Visible in the foreground here are, from front: Sharon Lyon, Jan Whitworth, Amy Davis and Jean Bass.

PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

Please take notice that Sunday River Skiway Corp.
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is intending to file a Site Location of Development Act permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 481 thru 490 on or about April 17, 2014.

The application is for increasing the width of the Monday Mourning Ski Trail at the following location: Barker Base area, Sunday River Resort.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Augusta during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Newry Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Augusta where the application is filed for public MDEP, Central Maine Regional Office, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333

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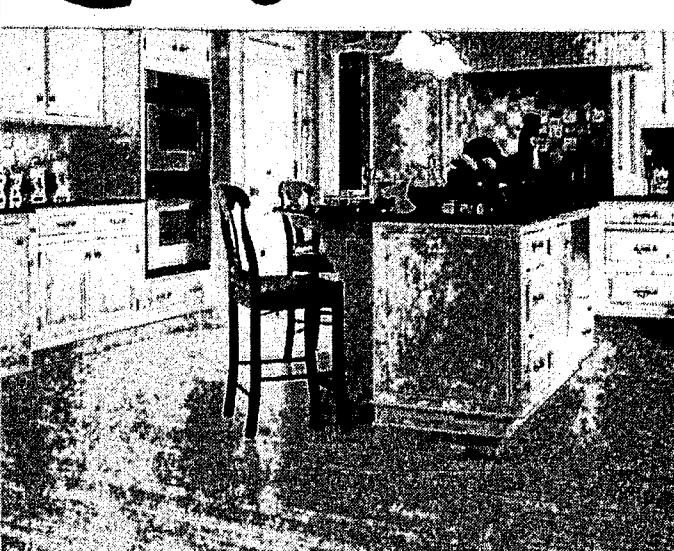
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Next Tuesday, April 22, is Earth Day, a day that celebrates educating, discussing and acting on environmental issues. I was at the first Earth Day celebration in Philadelphia on April 22, 1970. The idea was conceived by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin in 1969 to bring attention to air and water pollution. There was no Environmental Protection Agency, no Clean Air Act, and no Clean Water Act. You could stand on the banks of the Androscoggin (or any other) River and watch the chemicals being dumped directly into the water by the mills and factories. Nelson's idea spread like wildfire and on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans participated in teach-ins and rallies. We still have a lot of work to do. Earth Day is now an international event. If you can, participate in one of the events, give a donation to an environmental group, or just do a little extra to clean up the environment.

On Saturday I began my spring clean-up of the section of Route 26 that runs in front of my house. I like to do this when there's still some snow and ice on the ground - before the snakes and ticks come out. As the snow melts, the rushing water washes much of the trash down the culverts and into the bogs, streams, and eventually to the Alder and Androscoggin rivers. I filled bags with everything from coffee cups (including a ceramic one) to a Bud Light carton with 12 crushed beer cans inside it. I'm going out again this weekend to try to pick up some of the hundreds of cigarette butts I saw.

On a related topic: There are signs posted at the Bethel Transfer Station stating that starting May 1 residents who don't display a sticker will be denied entrance. If you've lost your sticker, you can get a new

one at the Town Office.

Maine is participating in National Turn-In Day on Saturday, April 26. This is a national day sponsored by nonprofit organizations and state departments to collect unused prescription medications. In the past Maine has topped the national list for the number of pills collected per capita. The Sheriff's Department is a local drop-off point for unused and expired prescriptions.

April 13 through 19 is National Library Week. If you haven't visited the Bethel Library recently, this is a good time. If you don't have a library card, sign up for one. It gives you access to books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and downloadable e-books. If the Bethel Library doesn't have the item you want, you can request an interlibrary loan. The library has public access computers and 24-hour Wi-Fi. All this is free.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I hope you're well today and enjoying these beautiful spring days. Wasn't the snow a nice little surprise on Sunday morning? I'm sure it got a lot of attention, especially after the beautiful sunshine and 60 degrees on Saturday. Welcome to Maine, right?

Over the past couple weeks I've been so happy to be able to get out on the road to walk my dogs again. We tend to stick to the woods on snowshoes throughout the winter, because I am not a risk taker wanting to tempt the too-fast drivers on icy roads. Being confined to the woods, I get to see some beautiful winter scenes, but being back on the road makes me feel more a part of life in the neighborhood. The dogs and I have en-

joyed seeing the view of Mt. Washington and Grafton Notch from the top of Kimball Hill. Well, I'm not sure their excitement is the same as mine, but I know they're enjoying the different smells. Being seen on the road is as good a sign of spring as the turkey vultures' returning to Hastings' farm, even though there are no cows there anymore.

On Saturday while we were walking, I saw Chuck and Angie, and my boys enjoyed saying hello to their boy, George. Merilee was out enjoying some sunshine on the deck while Lady let us know that she was in charge of her yard.

I saw our newest member of the driving community, Robert Crockett. Congratulations to him for obtaining his license. My, where has the time gone? It seems just yesterday when we were showering that chubby-cheeked toddler with fall leaves. Robert, you've grown into a well-mannered, handsome man.

On the way back home I couldn't remember if I ever publicly welcomed Mitch Cummings to the neighborhood this past fall when he purchased Clayton Bartlett's home. It's different, but nice seeing that yard filled with so much life with dogs and kids running around. And, of course, on our walk the dogs had to come say hello, just as Megan used to. It's hard when the house is so close to the road.

As we made our way back home we saw Mike out working on his truck in a sleeveless shirt. Now you know it's spring. And, the birds; it renewed my spirit to hear all the birds singing their songs. It was such a pleasant morning walk.

Alder River Grange held a regular meeting at Stan Howe's home on April 11. A decision was made to have their first supper on June 28. It will be a port supper with potatoes and veggies. Now, on this Good Friday

eye, I'm reminded of the sacrifices that were made for us and I am grateful for this life. I want to leave you with words from Pastor Nick's sermon this past Sunday.

"What is God expecting in, through and of me? Why have I come to God? Expect the unexpected."

I would like to hear your family stories of faith or history. Please feel free to e-mail me, brindlelabs@gmail.com or call, 357-3469. Blessings to you this Easter weekend.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The April 15th hoped for opening of The Local Hub is extended. Dara and Michelle, the new owners, are awaiting paperwork from the State. Ah, bureaucracy, the bane of our existence. I took a peek in the building the other day, and it looks great. New floor, melon colors on the walls and a number of comfy tables and chairs. They are hoping to be open in the next week or so.

Snow on Sunday. Seventy on Monday. Par for the course when it's spring in Maine. Along the same vein, I noticed that the daffodils are up and budded on Blake Hill along Route 26 (Bethel). They may be blossoming by the time you read this. And another spring harbinger is in evidence - the skunks are out.

This Friday, April 19, is the Firemen's Friday Fish Fry, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. Why cook when someone else can do it?

Both the snow and ice are rotting. Try walking on the snow, and you'll sink through quickly. That is because the snow (as well as ice) melts from not only the top down but from the bottom up. When the ground temperature is above freezing such as along roads,

water and by trees, that melts the bottom snow. At this time of year, all types of melting are welcome.

Several people have reported seeing what they thought might have been a golden eagle. That could be correct since a young golden eagle was recently released in northern Oxford County. This bird was rehabilitated at Avian Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Freedom. This was the first successful release of this species during the last 40 years. These birds are designated an endangered species in both Maine and New Hampshire. While rare in recent decades, golden eagles nested in Maine as early as 1786. Keep your eyes open. Maybe this bird will appear around here. They eat small mammals and frequent fields instead of ponds.

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Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, April 7, at the Grange Hall. Regular business was conducted. Next meeting is April 21. At this meeting, every office will be filled with a guest officer from around the state of Maine, including many of the current Maine State Grange Officers. The program, "Maine Geography," will be presented by Maine State Grange Historian Stan Howe. There will be music, door prizes, Mystery March, 50/50 and a lot of fun. Members, won't you please join us at this wonderful event! There is a planned supper at 6 p.m. If you plan to attend the supper, please call

Laura Hutchins (392-3621) or Christine Hebert (743-5277). The program for the April 7 meeting: Opening song; Opening thought, A penny saved is a penny earned; Interesting facts about a penny; How rare is a 1943 penny; Song; Questions about a penny; Game, Penny Drop; Closing song, Smile, Smile, Smile; Closing thought, Remember that old saying, "Penny for your thoughts?" Remember the special meeting of guest officers on April 21.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service; at the same time, a girls' group called "Bloom" meets, this is for girls 13 to 18. Also at this time, a new group for teen boys 15 and up. This group of young men is called "Foundations." They will learn about the Bible through practical building skills. As a service project, they are looking for anyone in the Bryant Pond/Woodstock community wanting a small shed. Applicants would need to front the cost of materials. The young men, under the direction of TJ Ray, will build the shed. They ask that a donation be made to the Church Building Fund for the time of labor and workmanship. Need a shed? To apply, please contact 739-9307. Sunday, April 20, is Easter, or, Resurrection Sunday. There will be a Sunrise Service at 8:30 followed by breakfast and a 10:30 Morning Worship. Sunday, April 27, Pastor Cal Fuller and wife Melba will be preaching here. There will be a Fellowship Dinner and Afternoon Service. On Sunday, April 6, Paula Jones and family gave Marybeth Hoover a brid-

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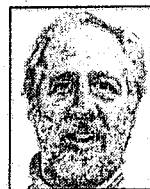
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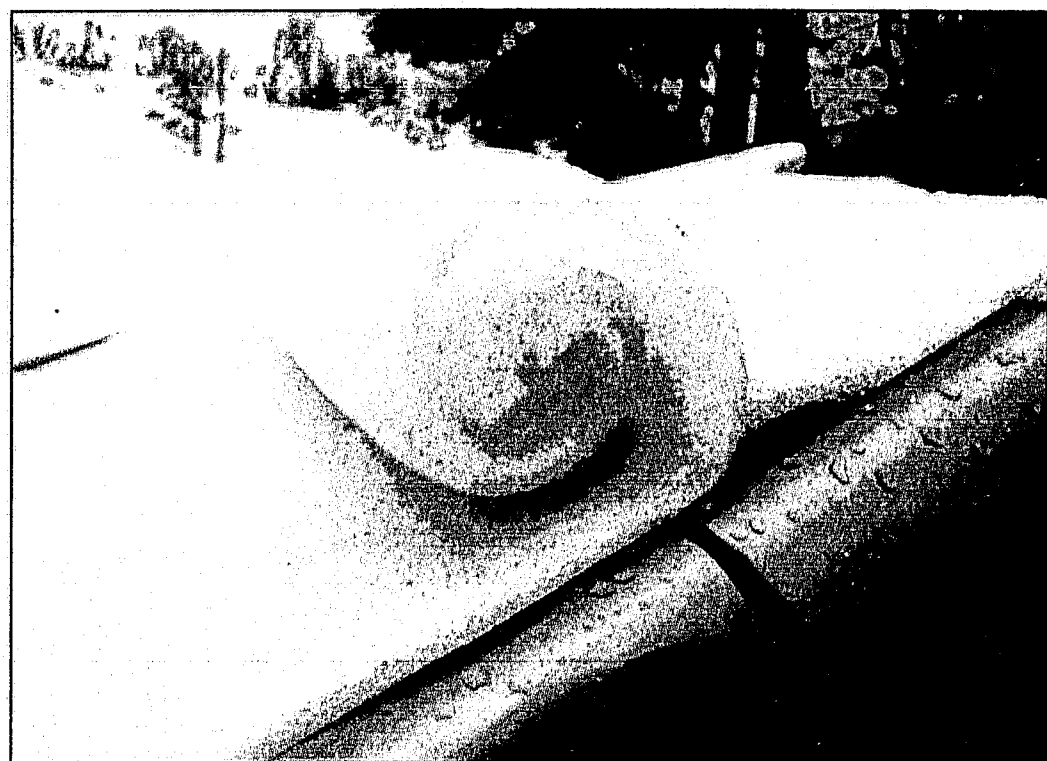
Newury

By DOUG WEBSTER



It is that time of year to give a big thanks to the area snowmobile clubs. I will speak for my club, Newury's Windy Valley Snowmobile Club. Our trail master, Leon Dunn, takes care of ITS 82 from the Maine/N.H. border in Grafton to Andover, where the Andover club takes over. The Grafton Notch section often has 6 foot snow drifts and really tough terrain. It's really a hidden jewel for snowmobiling, and the views are spectacular. Brad Wight and Ed Powers do the bulk of the grooming in our section of trail 13. They do a great job - usually at night after working all day. This year was one of the best for the Mt. Will trail. I'm sure I will hear differently, but I would have to say our Mt. Will trail is one of the most challenging trails in this area. Every year the club spends a lot of time and money trying to improve the trail, and it has really paid off. I do not want to forget Ed Powers' brothers and friends who come up from Massachusetts in the fall every year and spend a weekend cutting brush, clearing trails, and fixing bridges. Big help, guys - thank you!

Freeman Corriveau and Brooks Morton went to the Oxford County Regional Recycling meeting. The board of directors is looking into different options. Seems like they are trying to see if the different towns are into single-stream types of systems. I hear the chamber will host a breakfast with area selectboards invited along with transfer station employees. They will have some guest speakers and discuss sustainability among other topics. The ski season is quickly coming to an end. April 21 is Sunday River's projected closing, and Mt. Abram closed on April 12. I hope they all did well - Mother Nature did her part with a decent snow year. And at least the cold weather is good for snowmaking. But



MORE SNOW JELLY ROLLS-The Citizen recently printed a photo submitted by Lynne Kulik of Bethel showing snow that had rolled down her windshield into what she described as a jelly roll shape. Last week David Powell of Newury sent in his own photo of the phenomenon, created on the windshield of his Prius by the same late-March storm.

all in all it seemed like a good, old-fashioned winter. Turkey season opens April 26 for Youth Day. April 28 is open season. Check for yourself at IFW, but I hear you can hunt all day now. It had been until noon when hunting stopped, but now you may have all day to goof, I mean hunt. Good luck everyone! John and Nancy Wight are back from Florida. Welcome home and thanks for bringing the nice weather! I hope everyone can relax and enjoy some nice family time around the Easter holiday. God bless and see you next week. Send all information to me at dwebster@megalink.net.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



The traditional Andover Easter Egg Hunt, conducted by the Mills family and Mills' Market will be on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 9 a.m. There are several age divisions so that all of the children will have an opportunity to get a prize-winning egg. This being Easter weekend, both churches have scheduled special worship services. The Calvary Bible Church will have services on Good Friday Evening at 6:30 p.m., a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., Sunday,

followed by a breakfast at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and regular worship at 10:45 a.m. The First Congregational Church will hold an observance of the Last Supper this evening at 5:30 p.m. The service will include a light meal of bread, cheese and fruit followed by a hand washing ceremony and Communion. Following this there will be a Garden Meditation in the sanctuary. The Good Friday Service with the Stations of the Cross will be at 7 p.m. Easter Sunrise service will be at 6:30, followed by breakfast and special worship at 10 a.m.

This spring and summer there will be a Rumford Point Baseball program for children ages 6 to 13. There are sign-up sheets at Mills Market and you may sign up at the Hanover Town Office between April 10 and 17, which means tonight is the last night for sign up.

The Town Office wants residents to know that there is now a Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 424 River Road in Lewiston which is open the first and third Saturdays, May through November from 8 a.m. to noon. If you have hazardous waste, there are folders with details and instructions on how to dispose of the waste in a safe manner and they are available at the Town Office.

The 70th Annual Birth-

day Supper will take place on Saturday, April 26 at the dining room of the First Congregational Church with sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. The menu is a ham dinner with all the fixings and birthday cakes for desserts. Each table is decorated for a month or season of the year. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 8.

The Andover Olde Home Day Committee will be meeting this week and I'll have a full report in next week's column.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The weather last Sunday was quite interesting. About ten o'clock in the morning we looked out the front window and it was raining. When we looked out the back window, it was snowing!

My brother, Steve McLain, has been telling me about his squirrel proof bird feeder. This past weekend, he went out to fill the feeder with seeds and found a red squirrel looking out at him from the inside. So much for squirrel proof!

A few more different birds have been making an appearance at the house this past week. The Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches, Goldfinches have been quite busy at the feeder. The Flickers have been out on the lawn hunting through the dead leaves for food. Mr. Cardinal

was putting on quite a display for Mrs. Cardinal. His bright red feathers showed up even though it was such a dismal day.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club dinner on April 9 at the Locke's Mills Union Church. She also recently heard from her sister, Diane Dupont Bean, who is a former resident of Gilead, that she is experiencing a speedy recovery from her recent hospitalization.

Lise McLain has been appointed by the Town of Gilead Board of Selectmen as a member of the Planning Board.

Lise and Steve McLain received recently from their daughter-in-law, Carole Mason, two new additions (dogs) to their family, Molly and Murphy, a mother and son team. Lise and Steve are sending birthday wishes to two of their grandchildren, Marina McLain (April 19) and Quinn McLain (April 11).

Mary Tyler made another trip to Berlin, N.H. this past week and had lunch with her cousin Jenny Call. Mary made the trip to deliver Jenny's sixty year grange certificate to her.

Linda Taylor stopped by the house last Friday. She wanted to tell me that she forgot to mention that on one of their trips when her sister was here, they saw a very large fisher cat crossing Route 16 when they went by Great Glen Trails near the Mount Washington Auto Road.

Linda also wanted to set up some dates for a yard sale that she and Gail are having. The dates of the first one are April 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the items they have are tools, furniture and lots of household items. They are planning another one on Memorial weekend.

A section of the North Road in Gilead, a short distance from the Androscoggin River bridge heading west toward New Hampshire, collapsed last Wednesday. The road is now closed to thru traffic until such time that it is repaired.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



So nice to see many birds around looking for food; lots of Juncos, sparrows, chickadees and grackles. I have seen lots of robins but none

around here. I spent most of last week in East Bethel with Doug and Bella as Jen attended a conference at UMO. Before Jen left on Thursday we all went out to eat at the Jolly Drayman on Wednesday after school.

On Saturday we went to Bryant Pond to help move furniture as everyone is getting ready for the Big Move later on this summer.

Franklin and Margaret Barton went to Brownfield on Friday to visit Yvette and Roger.

Welcome home to some of our Albany friends who have been in Florida this winter.

This week there were two concerts at CPS. One was Tuesday night, April 15, with grades four and five. On Wednesday night the K-3 concert was held.

Vacation week is April 21 through 25.

Hope the snow continues to melt very rapidly as we have had enough winter! Have a great week everyone and Happy Easter.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society met Sunday, April 13. They discussed plans and the date for Forest Lodge cleanup. It will be Saturday, May 17. They picked Saturday, July 19, for the date for their annual Forest Lodge Tour. They held their annual elections. Their next meeting will be Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m. at the Upton School Building.

The Letter B Notch Riders also met Sunday, April 13. Twelve people attended. They elected officers and board members. They discussed old and potential new trails and the recently purchased large grill. Their next meeting will be May 18, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

Both organizations began their plans for their respective participation in Upton Fun Day, Saturday, Aug. 16.

The snow has melted enough that I can see the cover over the rototiller handles. Maybe spring is really in on its way?

Does anyone have any information about the ice conditions on Umbagog Lake?

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Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



On Wednesday, April 2, Mona and I left home at 12:30 a.m. on a short trip to Florida, just to get out of the cold and snow for a few days. We left Shiloh with Katrina and her dogs Clancy and Lily, knowing that he was in good hands and always loves playing with "the girls," Clancy and Lily.



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Notice of Preliminary PUBLIC MEETING IN BETHEL

TO DISCUSS THE REHABILITATION OF ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER BRIDGE

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 AT 6:00PM
IN THE MEETING ROOM
AT BETHEL TOWN HALL
ON 19 MAIN STREET

Please join MaineDOT at a preliminary public meeting to discuss the future rehabilitation of the Androscoggin River Bridge (#6149), over the Androscoggin River, in Bethel.

Representatives of the Maine Department of Transportation will be present on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to listen to concerns, receive comments, and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the project. The Department is particularly interested in learning local views relative to project consistency with local comprehensive plans, discovering local resources, and identifying local concerns and issues. Anyone with an interest is invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Any inquiries regarding this project may be directed to the attention of Joel Kittredge, Project Manager, Maine Department of Transportation, Bridge Program, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone: (207) 557-2193. Email: joel.kittredge@maine.gov.

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We drove to Portsmouth, N.H., where we planned to take the 3:30 a.m. C&J bus to Boston's Logan Airport. We arrived at the Portsmouth bus stop at about 2:57 a.m., and found the bus already there and loading luggage! I hurriedly dropped Mona off to get our tickets and hurried to the nearest parking space; luckily I parked and made it back in time to be the last passenger to enter the bus!

The rest of the trip to Tampa was uneventful until we got to the Dollar Car Rental at the airport where I had prepaid for a car. The line was short, and I got the paperwork completed shortly, but then our 20 minute wait for the car turned into more than 40 minutes, the longest I have ever had to wait for a rental after finishing the paperwork. I refused to pay extra to have all tolls pre-paid, because I had brought our GPS from home, and it has a feature that allows you to avoid toll roads. Luckily, we didn't need to travel on tolls, but I wasn't quite certain of that when the rental car lady said we'd have to pay \$15 per day if we used a toll road that we hadn't pre-paid!

After that, we had a pleasant drive to Jane and Craig's mobile home in Zephyrhills in our new Chevy rental. It was Wednesday evening there, and they had already planned to take us to the Moose Lodge, where Wednesday is always pizza and/or hot wings, beer and a country and western band. It turned out to be a fun evening, where we enjoyed dancing together, which we hadn't done in about 10 years! We met several couples there from the same trailer park as Jane and Craig, plus a couple others about our ages from just outside the park. Lots of talk about where we all came from and where we lived in Florida and how nice it was to be away from the snow.

The rest of the week passed quickly, as we enjoyed visiting a flea market where I bought lots of fresh fruit (cheap) and two base-

ball caps for \$5. We also drove to Plant City with Craig and Jane for fresh strawberry shortcakes for lunch one day. Jane, Mona and I all walked for exercise every morning. Craig and Jane played golf, and we all played cards with friends in the evenings. On Friday I phoned Gary and Teresa Marston from Andover, who winter in Port Charlotte, Fla. to see if we could meet them someplace either Saturday or Sunday for lunch. Gary said they'd come up to Zephyrhills, where we could visit with them and other friends, Geri and Bill Kelly from Andover and who live across the street from Jane and Craig in Zephyrhills! Another card game that evening completed our visit, and we left early Monday morning for an uneventful trip back home.

When we got home, Katrina was there with Shiloh and Clancy. Boy, was Shiloh glad to see us when we opened the door!

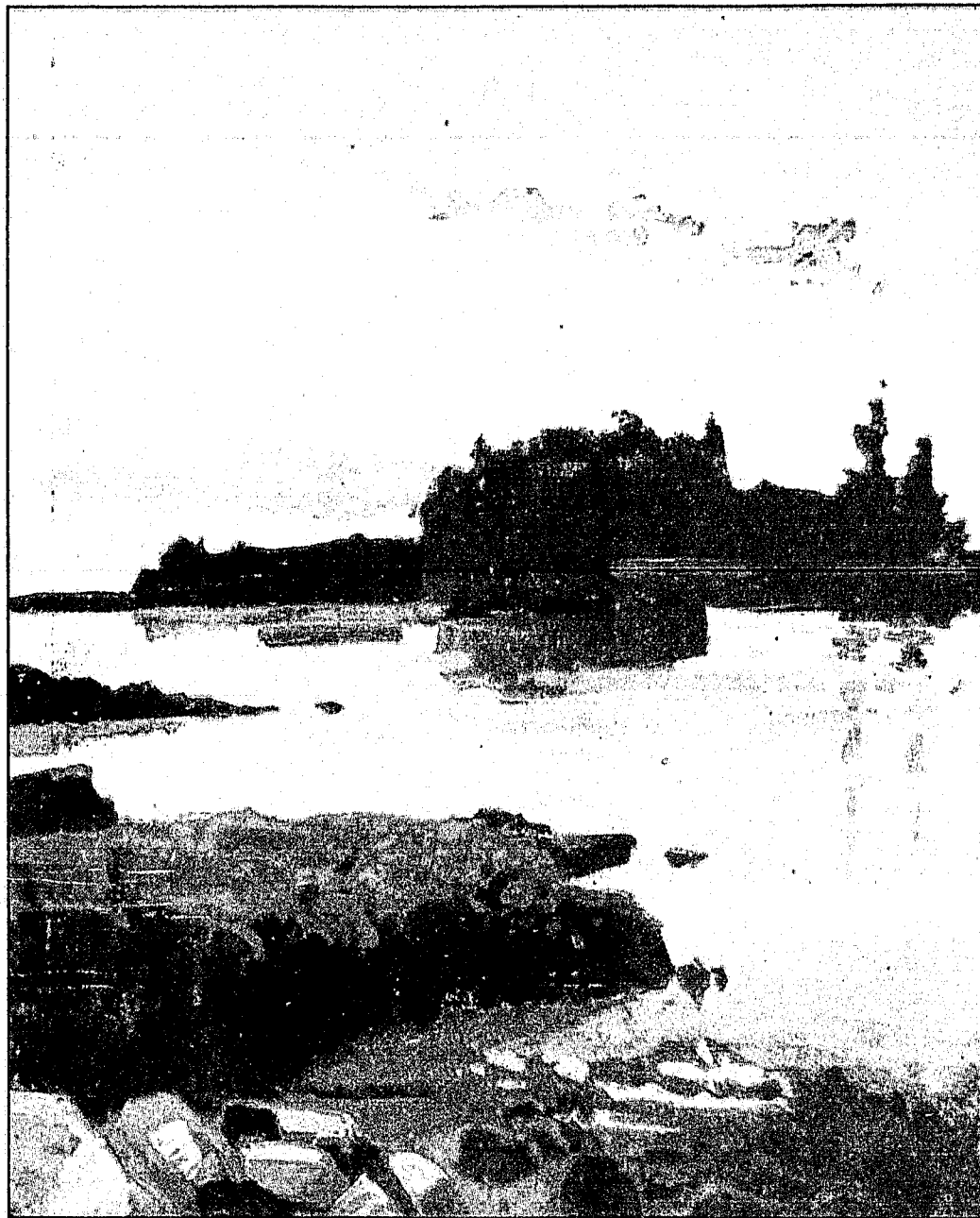
Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Mid-April and Sunday started as cold rain and transitioned to cold wet snow with big flakes that led to an almost total white out. The wind blew cold and wet. After getting completely wet, I changed jackets and was glad I'd put on my show pants even though Kelly said it would be warm and raining. I also had on my rubber boots so I could splash in puddles or in this case through snow and or mud, both of which were there. In any case, no body suffered too much and we all survived.

Having traveled a bit in the last week, it was evident that it looked more like spring everywhere else but here. We still have snow drifts, Portland and south have bare ground. That was before Sunday storm, but I do not know who else got the snow. Bethel, Waterford and Albany all did. Poland south had no snow anyway, so they probably just got rain. Today was warm and sunny, and gave us



GOULD ART SHOW—Gould Academy is hosting an art show titled "Grey Veil Landscapes" with visiting artist, Jolene Powell, in the Owen Art Gallery with a public reception on Friday, April 18 from 7-9 p.m. The show, which runs through May 11, will feature landscapes of the coast of Maine painted with oils on canvas. "In Grey Veil Series I document nature as seen between the rocks, clouds, memories, daydreams, and lifecycles. For me, a seascape holds the same principles and notions as the woods: stillness, timelessness, silence, and presence," said Powell. For more on the artist go to <http://www.jolenepowell.com/>

Courtesy Gould Academy

Easter egg hunt, open house at Waterford Library

The library in Waterford is having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 2:45 p.m. All preschoolers and young elementary children are invited to join in the fun. After the eggs are found, the children are invited to participate in a craft project and explore the new, larger children and young adults section upstairs.

From 3 p.m. until 4 we will have an Open House for everyone in town to show off the new library arrangement.

We have completely reorganized the library spaces, making it more convenient for both children and adults. We'd like to invite everyone in town to come and see what has been done and let us know how we can better serve you. So, please feel free to wander in Saturday, April 19, and join us for a tour of the "new" library, acquaint yourselves with your friends and neighbors after a very long winter and enjoy some light refreshments. All are welcome.

hope. Tomorrow, they say it will rain. We shall see.

Tonight is the first Seder night, and I missed it because I couldn't walk up the hill. I did research a gluten free matzo recipe that I shall try. I could have bought some at Hannaford, but it had potato starch in it. I do not know how that could pass as kosher, because potatoes are a new world vegetable and therefore not part of the Seder ceremony, so I will make mine with arrowroot starch and call it legal. Happy Pass-over to all.

Thursday, April 17, there will be a "Living Sustainably" presentation 6:30 to 8:30 at Norway Public Library entitled "Raising Chickens." It is led by Diane Ward. It is free and open to the public. Register by calling 743-5309 ext. 1.

Friday, April 18, is Good Friday and Sunday, April 20, is Easter. Happy Easter.

Next week is Earth Day Week. Monday, April 21 Rihah Newell will be back to lead a Trash to Art project to create masks and other art for the parade that will take place Saturday morning. Tuesday, Earth Day, CEBE (Center for Ecology Based Economy) will sponsor children's activities and crafts from 3 to 6 p.m. including making a banner for Saturday's Parade. At 7 p.m. there will be short inspiring videos and talks after each video.

Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m., Mountain Poets Society will hold a poetry reading at Café Nomad. At least 10 local poets will share their work. Dinner will be available at the Café starting at 6 p.m.

Saturday morning, April 26, at 10 a.m. everyone will gather at Witherell Park (beside Norway Savings Bank) for Norway's first annual Earth Day Parade. It will be human powered and will walk down Main Street and down to Alan Day Community Garden where there will be Earth Day ceremonies. From 3 p.m. on Fare Share Market will host showings of the film "Food for Change." Following that Fare Share will hold their annual Membership Meeting.

There will be more. Tune in next week. For now that will be all. Have a great week and try to stay dry and warm.



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Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Happy Spring! It looks like we are going to make it! The kids are having a great time out at recess and after school engineering dams with rocks and snow to divert the large pools of water in the playground. It is truly mud season here at CPS.

Friday night we enjoyed the spring play under the direction of Ananda Jordan. It was a great experience for the students. We are going to do a shorter version starting soon for just the younger students.

I am very proud of our students who are participating in the Food Pantry community service project. We have taken two different groups of students to the pantry where they received training and have filled up food boxes for distribution. Thanks to Dave Bean and Callie Pecunies for working with our staff and students.

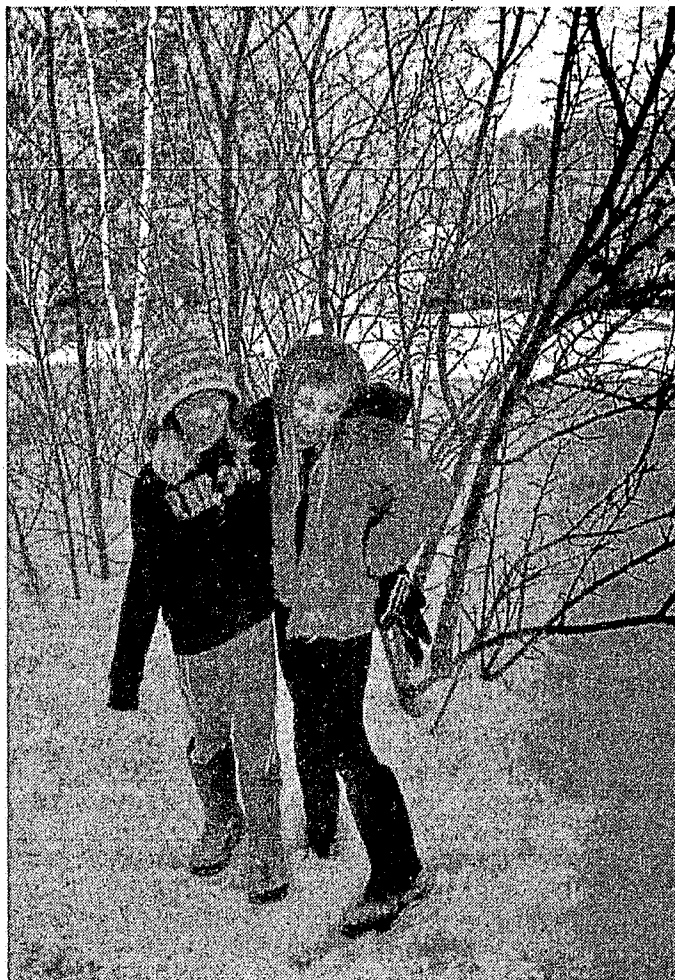
We are also excited about our sewing class at the Middle School. Thanks to Amy Lilly for offering this class and to the UMCE for providing the sewing machines.

Summer Adventure 2014 is "almost" ready to go... look for enrollment and summer themes to be ready after school vacation. Don't forget to visit our facebook page and follow us on Twitter - @Mahoosuckids. Have a great vacation!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



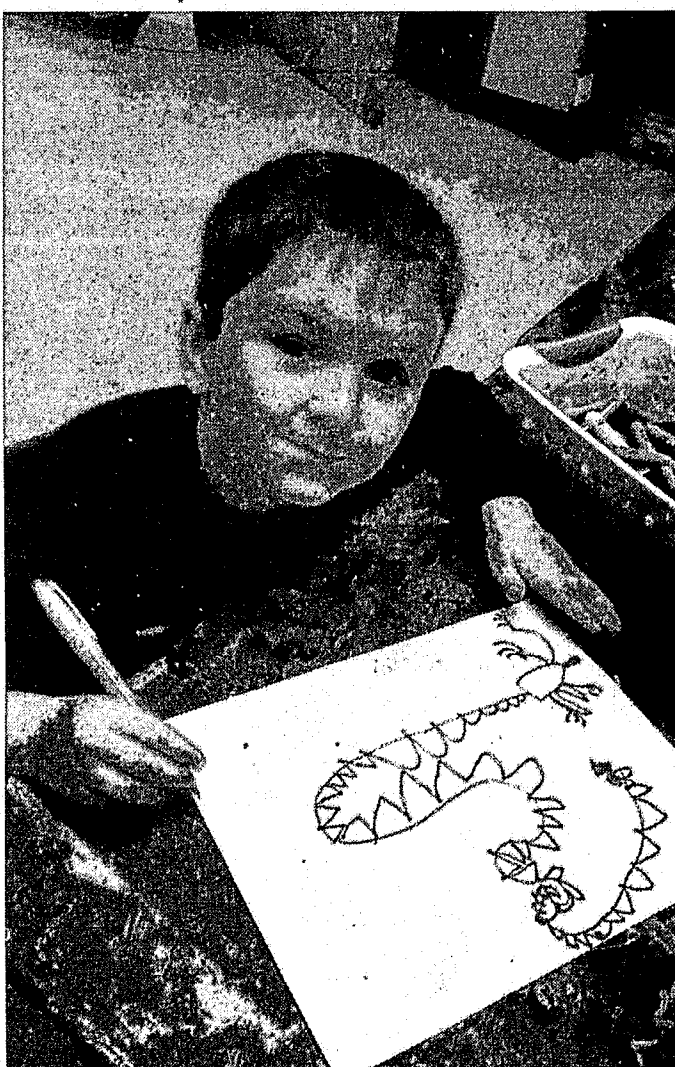
MKA staff member Alyson Harrison with William Myers, Corinne and Jocelyn Nivus, Kamilah Villanueva, and Ian Pecunies after building boxes for the Bethel Food Pantry during our MKA Service Afternoon!



Gigi DeVivo and Skye Mills during a tracking hike.



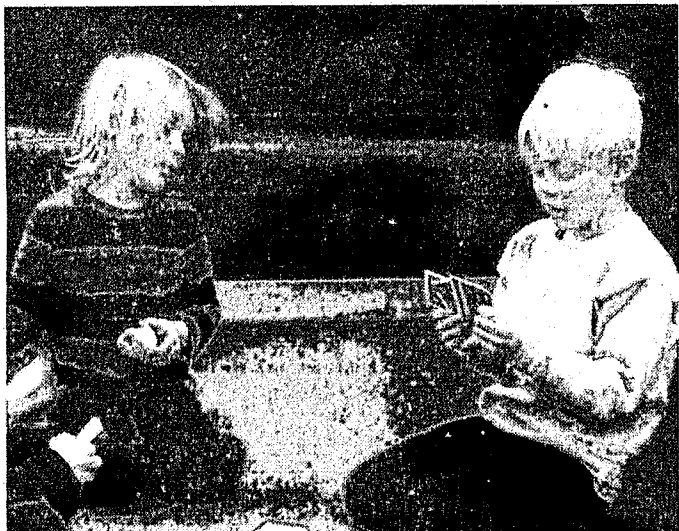
Cameron Pecunies does not break focus while working on his piñata.



Max Merrill drawing dinosaurs.



The 12 dancing princesses take the stage during theater dress rehearsal.



Ian Pecunies and Lucas Barstow playing a game of cards.



The Woodstock kids made homemade pizza during their last session of Kids in the Kitchen.



Kaitlynn learning to sew in Amy Lilly's Intro to Sewing class at TMS.



Regi LeBoeuf shows Woodstock students moon rock samples that were borrowed from NASA.



Maggie Black gets an up close look at some soil and rock samples from the moon.



William Myers practicing his cardboarding skills.

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High Honors: Ella Blair, Isabel Chase, Ashley Childs, Miranda Colby, Lillian Drew, Emily Fraser, Max Godomsky, Katherine Haley, Perry Morton, Caroline Newell, Lucinda Rothwell, Cameron Simard

Honors: Chaia Alford, Aneah Bartlett, Ainsley Brown, Brooke Carson, Angela Cintron, Devin Cole-Mason, Nyia Dixon, William Laflamme, Abigail Landry, Kevin Lund-Briggs, Jack Mallory, Cayley Marriott, Finnian McLaughlin, Trey Meader, Lauren Merrill, Krysten Morse, Calla Orino, Dakota-Lee Tuttle, Wyatt Williamson

Grade 7

High Honors: Lilo Bean, Alivia Chappie, Lavinia

Clarke, Victoria Hamel, Emily Hanscom, Emalee Harrington, Bethany Laird, Brooke Richardson, Mia Shrifrin, Koley True
Honors: Alicia Barton, Ryan Beckerman, McKinley Braley, Julia Cherkis, Hannah Evans, Josie Forbes, Peyton Hart, Matthew Lavoie, Elizabeth McLeod, Georgia Piawlock, Morgan Prentice, Sadie Richardson, Sarahanne Wright

Grade 8

High Honors: Aliah Connolly
Honors: Skylar Bouchard, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Russell Cushman, Caroline Finley, Elizabeth Gibson, Elayna Harrison, Taylor Mason, Jordan Mitchell, Mathew Morin, Marta Opie, Dylan Richmond, Ana Rossow,

Blake Rothwell, Courtney Skillin, Jillian Thielbar

Grade 9

Honors: Joshua Eliot, Kristi Hanscom, James Newkirk, India Orino, Kellen True

Grade 10

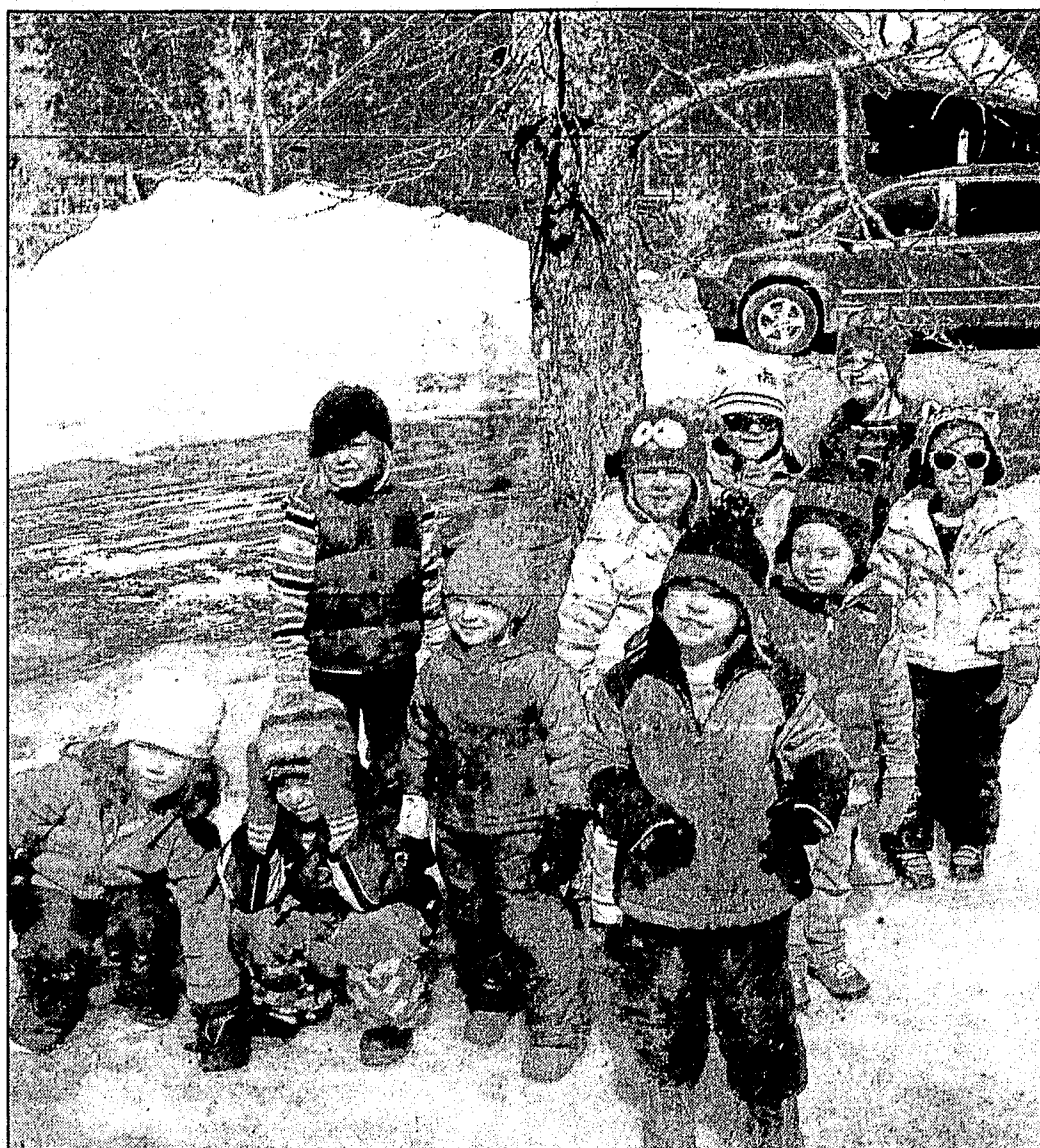
Honors: Rebecca Howard, Cassidy Smith, Amber Souve, Savannah Vermette

Grade 11

High Honors: Christopher Chapple
Honors: Devon Berry, Savannah Clough, Anne Cushman, Tyra Howes, Lakota Monzo, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Travis Wheeler, Zachary Wheeler

Grade 12

Honors: MacKenzie Blake, Kathryn Coolidge, Samantha Corriveau, Allison Kelley, Autum Morin, Alexandra Risko, Anneliese Smith



A SWEET LESSON-The Mahoosuc Montessori School last week visited the maple syrup sap house of Bruce and Suzanne Pierce, owners of the Goose Eye Farm in Newry. The children first went out with buckets to collect some sap from the Maple Trees and brought it back to the Sap House to be made into Maple Syrup. Back in the sap house Bruce and his partner Alan Fleet showed the equipment they use and explained to the kids how the syrup is made. After the explanation and demonstration the children enjoyed some ice cream with newly made syrup drizzled over it. *Submitted photo*

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met April 9 at the Locke's Mills Union Church for their meeting and luncheon with 39 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag and offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Beverly Warner and another drawing was won by Becky Keen.

The door prize was won by Joe Shimamura.

The next meeting will be May 14 at the Rooster's Roadhouse in Mayville. The meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is a choice of Yankee Pot Roast or Baked Stuffed Haddock. Reservations must be made before May 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice. Price of meal is \$13.

Nancy Willard led the group in some arm and leg exercises. Haley Tripp from the Bethel Rescue was present to take blood pressure of members. She also spoke about what the rescue can do for mem-

bers of the community. Do not hesitate to call them if you feel faint, fall or just don't feel well, dial 911. There is no charge if there is no transport.

There was a discussion about trips this summer and fall. Some suggestions for fundraisers were auction, yard sale, bake sale and Chinese auction.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having birthdays in April: Jodie Carter, Marilyn Gilbert, Fran Head, Mary Delois, Cathryn Lovejoy and Barbara Yates.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Thursday, April 17

WMSC Brown Bag Lunch; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Austin's Holidia House, Main Street, Bethel. A discussion of the questions "What are the beliefs of Islam, the fast-growing religion of 1.3 billion people around the world?" and "How has this religion figured in political uprisings, social movements and civil wars?" led by Marvin Ouwinga. RSVP by April 14: nancydavis@megalink.net or 381-1110.

RESCHEDULED Artsy Biz After Hours; 5 to 7 p.m. Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 45 Church Street, Bethel. Live music, theater tours of Bingham Auditorium, refreshments, Mtn. Arts Guide Ad Contest and door prizes including a full-color half-page ad in the 2014-2015 Mtn. Arts guide, a season's pass for the Gould Performing Arts series and more. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org, 824-2575 or info@mahoosucarts.org.

Community Seder and Maundy Thursday Service; 5 p.m., Wilkins Community Center. Seder: \$7.50/adults, \$3.50/children 7 to 10, 6 and under free. Following the Seder, there will be a Tenebrae service at the Waterford Congregational Church next door to the Wilkins House.

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Raising Chickens" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Annual Thespian Showcase; 7:30 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. \$5/general admission, \$3/students and senior citizens.

Friday, April 18

Ecumenical Good Friday Service; 12 noon, Bethel United Methodist Church. Pastor Sondra Withee and Pastor Carol Stevens will preside. All are welcome.

Jolene Powell: Grey Veil Landscapes Art Show; 7 to 9 p.m., Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy. Featuring landscapes of the coast of Maine painted with oils on canvas.

Saturday, April 19

Teal Ribbon 5K; 1 E. Main Street, South Paris. Registration: 9 a.m. Race: 10 a.m. \$20 per person, participants 12 and under, free. Proceeds to support Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services, serving Oxford County, Bridgton and Harrison. FMI: lauren Dembski (743-9777 ext. 5).

Easter Egg Hunt/Open House; Waterford Library. Easter Egg Hunt, open to preschool/young elementary children, beginning at 2:45. Open House, open to the public, 3 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

North Waterford/Waterford Congregational Easter Services; Sunrise Service: 5:45 a.m., Keoka Lake Town Beach, Route 35/37, Waterford, followed by breakfast at North Waterford Congregational on Green Road. East Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m., Waterford Congregational (Plummer Hill Road), 10 a.m. North Waterford Congregational.

"Rolling Away the Stone" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service will be led by the Rev. Fayre Stephenson. Refreshments to follow.

Monday, April 21

Taking Charge of Your Health Workshop; 12 to 1 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street Norway). Free. Light lunch will be provided. Space is limited. FMI/Registration: 744-6013.

Mask and Puppet Making Workshop; 1 to 3 p.m. Led by Rijah Newell. \$5 per person. FMI/Registration: 743-6329.

Tuesday, April 22

American Red Cross Blood Drive; 2 to 7 p.m., Main Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free 6-inch Subway sandwich. Walk ins welcome. FMI/appointments: 743-6300.

Makanda Project Jazz Band; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Bingham Hall Auditorium, Gould Academy. \$15/adults, all students 18 and under are free w/ID. FMI/tickets: www.mahoosucarts.org or 890-6386.

Thursday, April 24

Rumford Library Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Library's Public Room. All poetry fans, would-be poets and poets are invited. Refreshments will be served. FMI: 364-3661.

Mountain Poets Society Reading; 6 p.m., Café Nomad, Norway.

April 25, 26 and 27

Wilderness First Responder Refresher/Open Recert Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 25 and 26

Wilderness First Aid Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 26 and 27

Shooting Sports Instructor Training; UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$65 (includes meals and lodging). Training begins at 6 p.m. Friday and concludes at 1 p.m. Sunday. Commuters welcome. Offering archery, rifle, shotgun, hunting/wildlife training. FMI/Registration: 207-665-2068.

Saturday, April 26

Boating Safety Course; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Telstar High School Room 133. \$9 per person. FMI: fowlesd@sad44.org. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch.

Norway Earth Day Parade; 9:30 a.m., Witherell Park (beside Norway Savings Bank. Costume prizes, music and more. The parade will end at the Alan Day Community Garden where there will be a work party with a garden blessing at 11:30 and an orientation from 1 to 2.

70th Annual Birthday Supper; 5 and 6 p.m., Andover Congregational Church. Tables decorated for each month and season of the year. Ham dinner with all the fixings, including your choice of birthday cake. \$8/adults, \$4/under 8.

3rd Annual Circus Ole and Feast of Fools; 7 to 9 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases amazing performers while raising awareness about the mistreatment of circus animals. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 for adults \$5 for children 12 and under at www.circus-ole.com. Tickets will be on sale at the Maine Bookhouse on Main Street in Oxford and at the door. FMI: www.circus-ole.com, or contact Ringmaster Rijah Newell at rijahnewell@gmail.com or 207-890-0545.

Sunday, April 27

RESCHEDULED Finnish American Heritage Society Meeting; Finnish American Heritage Center. 1 p.m. membership potluck followed by the annual meeting and election of officers.

"The Two May Days" Service; 9 a.m., First Universalist Church of West Paris. Service will be led by the Rev. Fayre Stephenson. Refreshments to follow.

Monday, April 28

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 30

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

MLT Changing Nature Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Dr. George Jacobson, Maine State Climatologist, will present "Climate Variability and Maine Ecosystems- Past and Future." This event is free and open to the public. FMI: 824-3806.

Thursday, May 1

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Alternative Housing" with Alex Miller and CEBE's Scott Vlaun. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Saturday, May 3

Infant CPR Course; 8:30 to 10 a.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building (193 Main Street, Norway). \$10 per person, pre-registration required. FMI/

registration: 743-1562 ext. 6951.

Bethel Green-up Day; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Keep Bethel beautiful! Meet at Davis Park, grab a trash bag, and help clean up the surrounding area. Please wear sturdy shoes. Work gloves recommended. Refreshments provided. RSVP requested to Jessie Perkins, especially if you have a pickup truck! (207) 356-1883 or info@bethelmaine.com.

SMILE Fund Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Please donate tools, household items, toys and books the week prior to the sale. Proceeds to benefit dental care, dentures for adults in the SAD 44 region. FMI: Jane Chandler (357-3524).

Vendor/Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dixfield Opera House, 11 Main Street, Dixfield. FMI: Melanie (357-6419).

Old Fashioned Barn Dance; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Potluck supper: 5:30 p.m. Concert: 7 p.m. Dance: 8 p.m. Music by the Buttermilk Hill Band and John and Ellen Gawler. 50/50 raffle. \$12 admission, children under 16 half price. FMI: 824-2073.

Sunday, May 4

Mahoosuc Community Band Concert; 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Donations accepted. Refreshments available following the concert. FMI: Brian Dunham (665-2967).

Monday, May 5

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, May 6

TMS PTA Financial Aid Workshop; 6 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Kathy Ruby, a college financial aid professional, will talk to parents about support systems and financial resources available for post-secondary education.

May 7 and 17

Bow Hunter Safety; Wednesday (May 7) 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday (May 17) 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telstar High School Library. \$10 per person. FMI: fowlesd@sad44.org.

Wednesday, May 7

NHS Blood Drive; 12 to 5 p.m., Telstar gymnasium. FMI/appointments: southams@sad44.org. Walk-ins welcome.

Telstar Middle/High School Art Show; 5 to 8 p.m., Telstar cafeteria, auditorium and red tile area.

Breastfeeding Class; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building (193 Main Street, Norway). \$10 per couple, pre-registration required. FMI/registration: 743-1652 ext. 6951.

Saturday, May 10

CPS Mayfair; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fundraising raffle, food and fun activities. FMI/donations: Callie Pecunies (824-0835 or callie.pecunies@gmail.com).

2nd Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dixfield American Legion. 8X10-Lot \$25, Inside tables \$15. FMI: E. Ellis (357-6437) or C. Green (645-9640).

Tuesday, May 13

Telstar Middle/High School Spring Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances from the high school chorus and band under the direction of Jennifer Bennett and the middle school chorus and band under the direction of Tom Coolidge.

Wednesday, May 14

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel. Menu: Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed haddock. \$13 per person. RSVP by May 1: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, May 15

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Preserving Vegetables" with Diane L. Ward. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Monday, May 19

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, May 29

"Living Sustainably" Presentation; 6:30 to 8:30, Norway Memorial Library. "Importance of Bees" with Oxford Hills Bee Keepers Association. Free and open to the public. FMI/registration: 743-5309 ext. 1.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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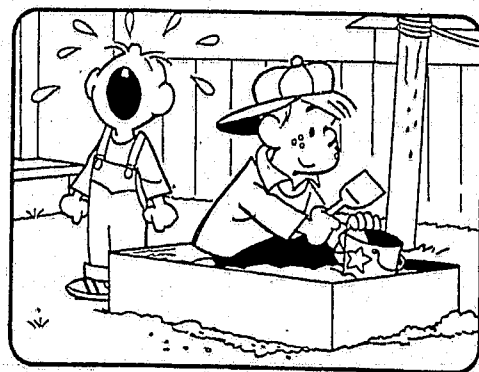
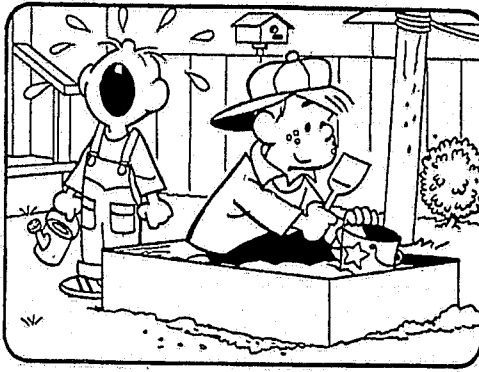
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Falling is missing. 2. Watering can is missing. 3. Pockets are missing. 4. Birdhouse is missing. 5. Shovel is missing. 6. Bush is missing.

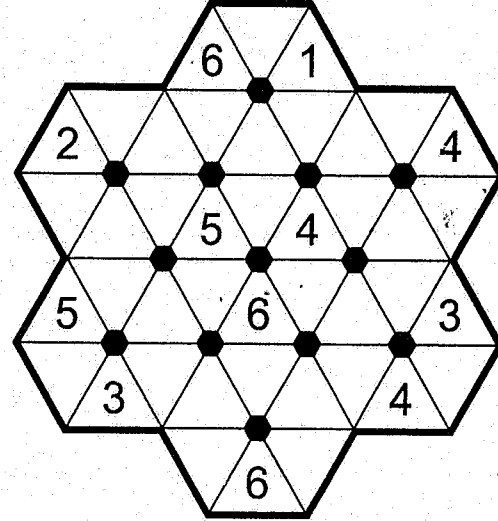
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

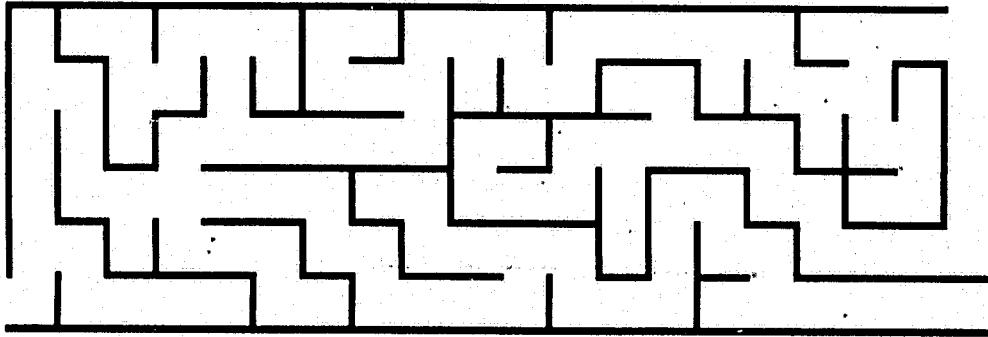


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

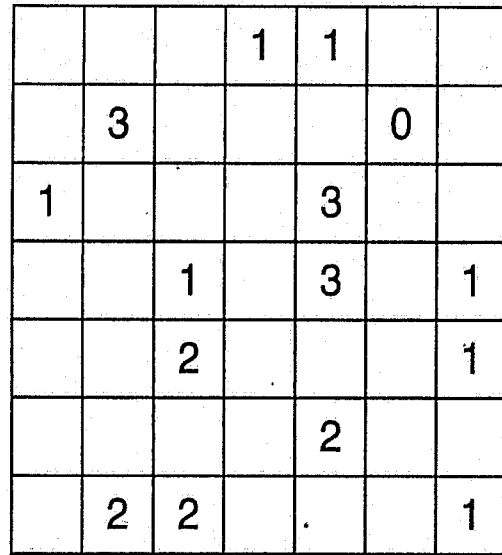


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZAI

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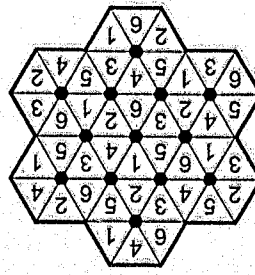
- ACROSS**
- 1 Verboten
 - 6 Did lunch
 - 9 Uppercut target
 - 12 Warm and friendly
 - 19 Singer Bryan
 - 20 — Trench (very deep Pacific point)
 - 22 Where Polynesia is
 - 23 Forming ties by showing team spirit?
 - 25 Molting animal, e.g.
 - 26 Cave dwarf of folklore
 - 27 Water, in Wassy
 - 28 "How true!"
 - 29 Overhead urban trains
 - 30 "That's all — wrote"
 - 32 Like things you can categorize in your head?
 - 37 Torment
 - 40 Crimson
 - 41 Tide school, for short
 - 41 Raises
 - 42 Singer John
 - 43 Last Oldsmobile model
 - 44 Tibetan Buddhists' practice
 - 46 Relative of edu or gov
 - 47 Ruling eel?
 - 49 "Burnt" pigment
 - 52 "Oh, woe —"
 - 56 A sysadmin might maintain one
 - 57 Simple piano chords
 - 58 Athenian H's
 - 59 Retired JFK jet
 - 62 Big birds of the outback
 - 63 Stream, after a long downpour?
 - 65 Honda's luxury line
 - 67 Light beer
 - 68 Employment
 - 69 Unflavorful
 - 73 Flows back
 - 76 One of three stooges
 - 77 Grand-scale
 - 78 Head-hiding sweatshirt
 - 79 Slender and graceful
 - 81 Nevada city near Sparks
 - 82 Folding poker player's comment
 - 83 Raids made during hog wars?
 - 87 Lilted song syllable
 - 89 Minerals that look like gold
 - 91 Film director Lubitsch
 - 92 Quite mad
 - 95 Thicken, as Jell-O
 - 97 Open up — of worms
 - 98 City in Texas or Ukraine
 - 99 Emergence of a swamp?
 - 103 Negative particle, e.g.
 - 104 "Anabel Lee" poet
 - 105 Bakery stock
 - 106 British rocker Brian
 - 107 Actress Day
 - 110 Reduce to a fine spray
 - 112 What a ranger's niece calls him?
 - 117 Akin
 - 118 Erudite type
 - 119 Indiana's state flower
 - 120 Disaster
 - 121 Unassertive
 - 122 Audit gp.
 - 123 Intuit
 - 1 Highlander's cap
 - 2 Hullabaloo
 - 3 One trading
 - 4 Epps of the screen
 - 5 Norway port
 - 6 Go at a slow, easy pace
 - 7 "The — of Steve"
 - 8 Suffix with south
 - 9 Game similar to handball
 - 10 Render void
 - 11 Jestling type
 - 12 Carl Sagan's fascination
 - 13 Autumn color
 - 14 Go back in
 - 15 "Old man"
 - 16 Owing money
 - 17 "Ruby" star Danny
 - 18 Pitcher Don
 - 21 Guy in a think tank
 - 24 Tall shade trees
 - 28 Cleo's killer
 - 30 Pretense
 - 31 Angelic circle
 - 33 Cavs, Mavs and Knicks
 - 34 Made gentle
 - 35 More scrumptious
 - 36 North African capital
 - 38 Abu Dhabi native, e.g.
 - 39 Tofu source
 - 44 Hawaiian feast
 - 45 Opinion poll
 - 46 Estimator's words
 - 48 Iranian city of almost 1,000,000
 - 50 Gin joint
 - 51 N.Y. summer hrs.
 - 53 Iron emission
 - 54 Tropical fruit
 - 55 Lauder of cosmetics
 - 57 Jungle cat, in Spanish
 - 59 Fencing sword
 - 60 Mouthwash brand
 - 61 City in Italy
 - 63 One-in-a-million thing
 - 64 Autumn color
 - 66 Ravioli filling
 - 67 Paved the way for
 - 70 Karmann — (old VW)
 - 71 Relative of .edu or .gov
 - 72 "Yoo —"
 - 73 Figure skater Plushenko
 - 74 Porgy's love "good"
 - 75 Slo — (kind of fuse)
 - 79 Join, as a table
 - 80 To be, to Fifi or Gigi
 - 83 High-pitched flute
 - 84 Be obstinate about
 - 85 Gas brand north of the U.S.
 - 86 Comic Laurel
 - 88 Brief relief
 - 90 Earthy and vulgar
 - 92 Give, as knowledge
 - 93 Cheering — fan
 - 94 Pupil ringer
 - 95 Rapid
 - 96 Triage sites, for short
 - 98 — about (circa)
 - 100 Evaluated, with "up"
 - 101 "Wetherby" actress Judi
 - 102 Stenches
 - 108 Weightlifters count them
 - 109 "It's all clear"
 - 111 GQ, for one
 - 112 Abbr. on a navy vessel
 - 113 Connecticut Ivy Leaguer
 - 114 "So —, so good"
 - 115 Low-ranking off.
 - 116 Whiskey type



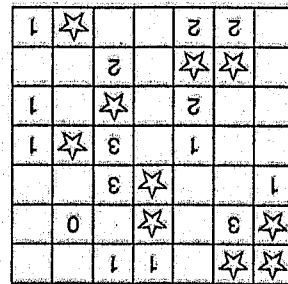
Kids' Maze Solution

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Answer
Who never gets his hair wet in the shower?
A bald man.



SNOWFLAKES solution



Star★Map solution

ANSWERS:

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Earth Day to be celebrated in Norway April 22

Earth Day will be celebrated in more than 150 countries all over the world on April 22. It is a day when nations put aside their differences, people join as one, and everyone praises Mother Earth. This year, several organizations in Norway have joined together to celebrate over an entire week, which just happens to be school vacation week, too.

The festivities begin on Monday, April 21, with a Mask and Puppet Making Workshop, from 1 until 3, led by former Norway Earth Day Goddess, Rihah Newell, now of Portland. Newell's "Trash Into Art"

project inspired and informed this community for many years. The workshop is sponsored by the ARK program (Area Resources for Kids) through the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service. Registration is \$5 to cover materials; call 743-6329 to register. Participants can make masks for the Earth Day parade or to wear to the circus on Saturday.

Tuesday, April 22, which is actually Earth Day, the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) will sponsor children's activities and crafts from 3 to 6, including making a community EARTH DAY

NORWAY banner that can be used year after year. At 7 p.m., CEBE will be showing short, inspiring and thought-provoking videos and TED Talks with discussions after each.

Thursday, the Mountain Poets Society will offer a reading at Café Nomad at 7 p.m. in honor of both Earth Day and National Poetry month. At least ten local poets will share their original work. Dinner will be available at the Café starting at 6 p.m.

On Saturday morning at 9:30, everyone will gather at Witherell Park (beside Norway Savings Bank) for the first annual Earth Day

Norway Parade. There will be costume prizes (dress to celebrate the Earth!), music and surprises. At 10, the human-powered parade will begin on the Main Street sidewalk and end at the Alan Day Community Garden, led by local Green Man, Mark Brandhorst of South Paris. At the Garden, there will be a work party from 10 to 2; a garden blessing at 11:30; and an orientation to the Garden from 1 to 2. There will be an ongoing scavenger hunt for all ages and information about the Garden will be available all day. Rusty Wiltjer will drum and people can sign up for this season's garden

plots. Free snacks and a lunch for purchase will be available.

On Saturday at 3 p.m., Fare Share Co-op will host a free showing of the film "Food for Change." All are welcome. Following the film will be the Co-op's Spring Membership Meeting and potluck dinner from 4:30 until 6. Fare Share members are urged to attend and prospective members are welcome, too.

Saturday evening at 7 p.m., Rihah Newell will bring her Circus Olé and Feast of Fools to town for the third straight year. This year, she will be per-

forming at the Oxford Hill Comprehensive High School Forum. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the door or at the Maine Bookhouse in Oxford.

Finally, on Sunday, Heather Pierson and Friends will again offer their Earth Day Concert at the UU Church on Main Street (donation of \$5 will support the belfry tower repair). Guests include Nate Towne, the UU Choir, and Davy Sturtevant.

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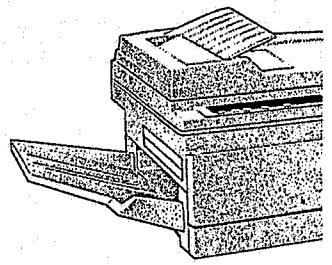
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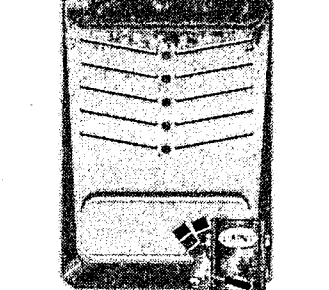
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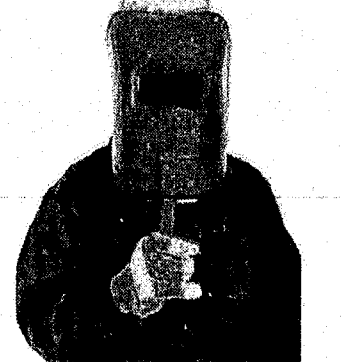
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Obituaries



ANITA RICHARDSON

Mrs. Anita June Richardson, age 90, passed on April 10, 2014 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris where she had resided for three weeks. She was a life-long resident of Rumford and Rumford Center except for Service in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII. Anita was born July 8, 1923 in Rumford to Antonio and Leona (Metevier) Perrault. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a class officer of Stephens High School, graduating with the class of 1941. She completed Nurses Training at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton Mass. in 1944 and immediately joined the Army Nurse Corps. Following basic training at Camp Devens and Camp Edwards she was assigned to care for Returning Servicemen aboard Military Hospital

Trains. She also served at Military Hospitals in Alabama and North Carolina prior to be honorably discharged.

Anita and Merle (Scotty) Richardson were married at St. John's Catholic Church in Rumford on May 13, 1946. They purchased Ye Olde General Store in Rumford Center in May of 1950 building the business into a well-known local landmark until its closing in 1998. Anita was especially fond of the customers and acquaintances who patronized the store for nearly half a century.

She was active in the Robert Shand Post of the American Legion, the Christian Valley Literary Club, Rumford Historical Society, Daughters of Isabella, and Santa's Helpers.

She is survived by three sons, Merle (Champ) Richardson and his wife Janis of Hallettsville, Texas, John (Tom) Richardson and his wife Beth of Virginia Beach, Va. and Mark Richardson of Rumford Center; two daughters, Susan White and her husband Denny of Noblesville, Ind. and Merlene Richardson of Rumford. Also surviving is a sister Lucille Casey of Boynton Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Ryan Richardson of Nashville,

Tenn., Rebecca Meece of Lakeland, Tenn., Christopher White of Noblesville, Ind., Kimberly Schumacher of Lonedell, Mo. and Jeremiah, Sadie and Brooke Richardson all of Rumford Center. There are six great-grandchildren, Benjamin and William Richardson of Nashville, Tenn., Skylar and Savannah Meece of Lake, Tenn., Dylan and Sierra Schumacher of Lonedell, Mo.; two nieces, Candy Casey of Buffalo, N.Y., and Karen Casey of Boynton Beach, Fla. and two nephews, Michael Casey of Durham, N.C. and Dean Sciaraffa of Portland. Anita's parents, sister Ethel Tribou, and Husband Scotty are predeceased.

The family would like to thank Nancy Martineau for her many years of care. We would also like to thank Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, the Maine Veterans' Home and the Veterans' Administration.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderrandson.com.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Parish of The Holy Savior St. Athanasius St John Church in Rumford. Interment later in the spring will be in the Rumford Center Cemetery. Those who desire may contribute to the Maine Alzheimer's Association 383 US Route One #2C, Scarborough, Maine 04074, in her memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader & Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin St Rumford, 207-364-4545.



LEORA FARRINGTON

Leora Lakeway Farrington, 99, of Greenwood, formerly of Bryant Pond, passed away Wednesday, April 9, at Ledgeview Living Center. She was born in Littleton, N.H. on Nov. 11, 1914, the daughter of the late Volney and Sadie Emery Lakeway. They moved to Bryant Pond in 1919. Leora attended Woodstock High School, graduating in 1934. Leora had a pony in seventh grade that she rode to school for two years. Leora married Arthur J. Farrington on Jan. 16, 1936, and lived in Bryant Pond for 57 years, establishing their residence in Greenwood in 1993. She started sewing at a very young age, making her dresses.

She worked from home making casket linings for Andrews Funeral Home in Woodstock for 21 years. She loved to pick strawberries, gardening and canning vegetables. She made and sold butter. She made the best popcorn balls for her family at Christmas into her 90s. Her hands were always busy and created many beautiful counted cross-stitch. She loved flowers, had a green thumb. She had the ability to revive a plant from near death. She had held the Boston Cane in Greenwood since 2007. She was a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church, teaching Sunday school for 14 years. She was a member of the Farm Bureau of many years.

She is survived by two sons, Philip and wife Martha of Florida and Wallace and wife Rose of Bryant Pond; two daughters, Mrs. Luna Martin of Oxford and Mrs. Arnold (Pearl) Jordan of Greenwood; eight grandchildren;

10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Arthur; and a brother Shir.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Ledgeview Living Center for their kindness and concern.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 2 p.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Bryant Pond. Donations in her memory may be made to the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.



ROBERT O'BRIEN

Robert "Bob" O'Brien died on April 8, 2014 as a result of a fall-related head injury. He was 82 years old. He leaves his wife Caroline, his sister Margaret O'Brien Lavalley, and a large family of seven children and step-children, 17 grandchildren, a niece, three nephews, and seven great-nieces/nephews.

Bob grew up in Providence, R.I., attended Manhattan College and later Harvard Business School, and also served as an artillery officer in the US Army.

Bob had wide-ranging pursuits and accomplishments throughout his career. He was a successful entrepreneur in the 1960s with pioneering ventures including the first company to market corporate fitness programs and an early cable-TV venture that linked surgeons to rural low income hospitals in Puerto Rico. He advised both Massachusetts and Puerto Rico governments on the development of commercial fisheries and he launched a company that consulted with the Federal government on bio-dynamic and ocean-related research. He worked for many years as a management consultant for a broad range of corporate and pro-bono clients, ranging from several Fortune 500 companies to St. Joseph's Abbey in Massachusetts. He was a longtime Board Director for the Carroll Center for the Blind, and also for the National Braille Press. He tutored and mentored many students at the School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine, Fla.

Bob loved his hobbies as well. He was an avid reader, a beautiful writer, an accomplished amateur historian and a lover of classical and jazz music. He spent thousands of hours restoring, tinkering with and showing off his collection of old cars. He loved sailing, from his boyhood summers on Narragansett Bay to later summers on Cape Cod and Boston Harbor. In recent years he took up soaring and greatly enjoyed his time both in the air and on the ground with his fellow glider pilots. He was a regular visitor to St. Joseph's Abbey, and his time spent there with his "brothers" and in retreat helped him to reinforce his faith and to maintain a sense of peace with changes in his life.

More than any of these interests and accomplishments, though, Bob loved his family. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. While juggling the pressures of his career, he took time each night to read to his children while they were growing up and also shared many special projects and activities. As the grandchildren arrived and grew, he similarly built and cherished a special connection with each of them. He wrote and called regularly, sent thoughtful gifts, found special projects to share, and sought to spend time with each person individually during family get-togethers. He and Caroline traveled regularly across the country and to Europe to visit their children and grandchildren. Bob and Caroline's homes in Maine and Florida hosted many boisterous family get-togethers over the past decades, gatherings that reinforced family bonds and created many happy memories. His long devotion to his family created his most memorable and lasting legacy - a close-knit, loving and thriving extended family that misses him greatly.

A memorial service will be held at St. Joseph's Abbey in May. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to either St. Joseph's Abbey (167 N. Spencer Road, Spencer, Mass., 01562) or to National Braille Press (88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Mass., 02115).

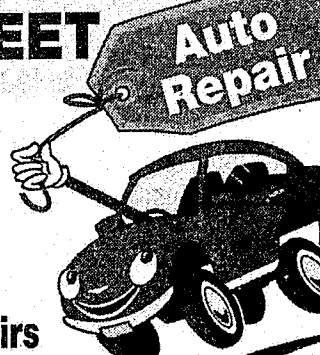
Bates memorial service

Memorial services for John N. "Jack" Bates of Woodstock, who died on Dec. 19, 2013 in West Paris, will be held at the Rangely Congregational Church, 2 High Street, Rangely on April 27, 2014 at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Cathie Wallace officiating.

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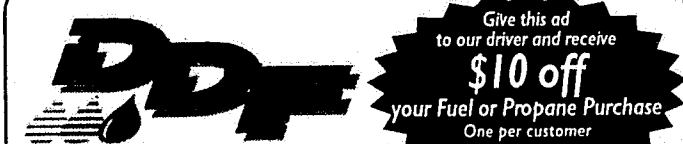
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